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# Minister admits measles vaccine made 500 children ill

JAN ROBERTS

More than 500 children suffered serious reactions following last year's measles vaccination campaign, which some scientists

believe was unnecessary. Tom Sackville, Parliamentary Secretary at the Department of Health, said last night

that one quarter of the 530 cascs were of the "immediate allergie type reactions from which no serious or long-lasting effects were known to bave resulted."

Three-quarters suffered "late-onset" serious reactions, such as arthritis or flu-like symptoms but none suffered any long-term damage, a spokesman for the Department

said. "The Medicines Control Agency has checked them all out and found no causal link." But parents of more than 170 children vho, it is claimed, developed rippling illnesses after the immerisation, last night

They claim their children,

dismissed suggestions that no

child suffered long-term

been left with problems ranging from partial paralysis and incontinence to seizures and brain damage, and up to 100 promised they would continue with legal action for compen-

sation. The parents say appropriate warnings about the risks Jackie Fletcher, founder of

aged between five and 16, have JABS, a parents' support group said: "The ministers are out of touch with what has happened if they truly believe that no child suffered long-term damage."

The campaign to vaccinate 8m school children in the UK followed public health specialisis' forecasis of a measles epidemie on a scale not seen since the 1950s, Parents were told that

infected, and there would be up to 50 deaths among children in an outbreak.

In the event, only 35 measles cases were diagnosed in the first four months of 1995, just two of them in children.

The Government says this proves the success of the campaign, but critics, led by Dr

Riebard Nicholson, a paedia-trician and editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, say evidence to support predictions of an epidemie has never been produced.

Speaking during a Commons adjournment debate last night, Mr Sackville said that, by mid-1994, measles was occurring at a higher frequency in England and Wales and an epidemic had already occurred in Scot-

There was a total of 2,735 re actions reported from 1,202 children – a rate of one child affeeted for every 6,700 reactions. Most reports were of minor damage or of harm unlikely to have been caused by the vaccine. There were no deaths.

# Tory 'moral majority' MPs beat Mackay

# Family violence Bill dropped

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, was last night fighting to keep his reform of divorce law affoat after bowing to Tory backbench pressure and shelving a planned Bill on domestic violence.

He made no secret of his disappointment at losing a piece of legislation which was ambushed in its closing parliamentary stages hy "moral Tory MPs who complained that it undermined marriage by strengthening protection against hattering for

unmarried women. In a concession which his supporters now hope will ensure that his threatened divorce measure will be included in this month's Queen's Speech, Lord Mackay said he was "considering" the representations made to him but that it was "impossible to make further progress" with the Bill in the current parliamentary session.

He made it clear that be was still battling to retain the new divorce law - which ends quickie" divorces on grounds of fault - in the legislative programme, during a series of radio and television interviews in which he declared pointedly that he hoped the Bill would "come forward as soon as

possible' Labour's legal affairs spokesman, Paul Boateng, complained that the domestic violence measure bad fallen victim to a "bloody family feud with-in the Tory party", but there were signs that the Lord Chan-

cellor's chances of preserving his Divorce Reform Bill had improved since last weekend.

It remains far from certain that the Bill will be given the green light when ministers meet on Monday to finalise the 1995-6 programme. However, optimism in the Lord Chancellor's Department was rein-

#### What the Bill would have done

The Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill would have provided protection against actual or threatened violence, molestation or ha assment in magistrates and county courts, for spouses, cohabitees, former spouses former cohabitees, mothers un-der threat from violent sons and

There would have been greater police powers to arrest perpetrators who defied court rders. Occupation orders - Including orders to pay rent or mortgage - for those outside the spouse/cohabitee category would have been for six-month periods, and granted only after securing an order for occupation rights.

forced by unmistakeable signs of a backbench fighthack in

Lord Mackay's favour. As a group of Tory MPs, led by Peter Bottomley, went to see the Lord Chancellor to express their strong support for the measure, there was also evidence of a belated backlash against the critics who had forced him to withdraw the domestic violence Bill. Teresa Gorman, the right-wing liber-tarian MP for Billericay, called Lord Mackay's critics "silly".

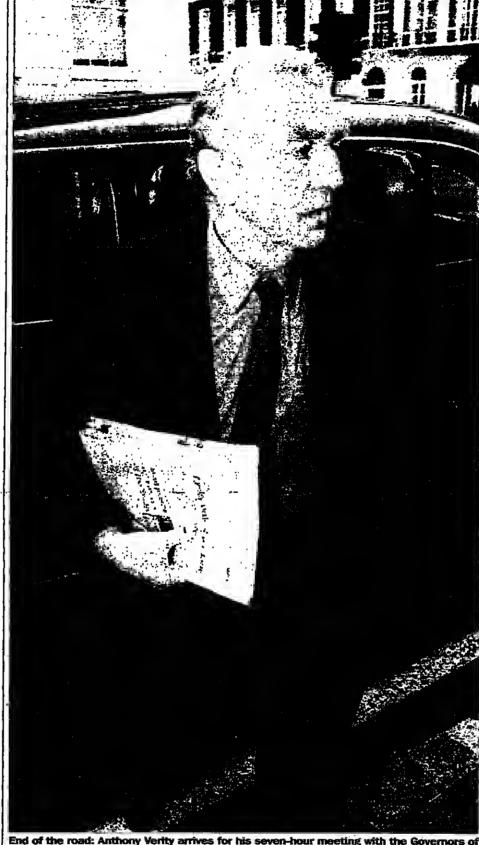
In an article in last night's London Evening Standard, Mrs Gorman praised the "universally respected" Lord Mackay and added: "The Bill is the first of two reforms designed to come to terms with the fact that social patterns have changed while the law still reflects the idea that marriage is the only legitimate way of living together; anything else is living in sin.

Meanwhile, speaking after his meeting with the Lord Chancellor, Mr Bottomley said of the divorce measure: "If the Mothers' Union support it - and they do - then so should we."

But Lady Olga Maitland, one of the most prominent backbench opponents of both Bills, called in the Commons yesterday for a dehate on the "role of the family in British society". She added: "We have now reached a watershed as to whether the role of the family should be enhanced or whether it should be undermined as seems to me to be certainly happening in public debate.

Refuge, which provides accommodation and support for women and children escaping domestic violence, described the shelving of the "long overdue" reforms as a tragedy.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Chil-dren (NSPCC) urged the Government to re-introduce the Bill into Parliament at the 'earliest possible opportunity".



News analysis, page 19 End of the road: Anthony Verity arrives for his seven-hour meeting with the Governors of Leading article, page 20 Dulwich College yesterday. Terms of his retirement were not disclosed Photograph: PA

# Dulwich head retires after sex inquiry

**LOUISE JURY** 

The master of Dulwich College, who has been at the centre of sexual harassment allegations, dramatically resigned his post last night after a seven-hour meeting with governors.

A statement issued through solicitors said Anthony Verity, 56, was to take early retirement from the £12,270-a-year college in south London where he had been headmaster since 1986.

Governors had earlier cleared bim of sexual harassment claims made by school secretary Anne Ridley, 38, but yesterday they found that Mr Verity "had permitted an inappropriate relationship to develop and this affected the performance of his duties".

Mr Verity, who will receive a financial settlement rumoured to approach £1 million, strongly disputed there was any im-

But after the meeting at a private club in central London, he looked stern-faced as he left with his wife. Patricia, saving: "I'm not allowed to say Shortly afterwards, Jane

Mann, solicitor for the school, released a statement outlining both parties' agreement that it was "in the best interests of the college" for the father of two to take early retirement. She released no details of the

financial package. Sir Colin Cole, chairman of

the governors, said: "This has been a stressful and unhappy time for the college and all concerned. The governors' sole objective throughout has been to protect and sustain the fine reputation of Dulwich College.

Mr Verity has made a very considerable contribution to the life and success of the college over the last eight years, for which the governors and parents are very grateful. We wish him well in the future."

The school was now determined to get back to normal, Sir Colin added, and would advertise for a new master next week. Ann Ridley has also left the college on mutually agreed

Mr Verity was suspended in August, four months after Mrs Ridley, his secretary of four years, claimed that he sexually harassed her on a trip to Thailand last November. Many parents were furious to

be told of the claims only just before the start of this term. Mothers led by Sue Macdiarmid and Deborah Roslund launched a campaign of support for the head. Dulwich was founded 375

years ago. Alumni include P.G. Wodehouse, Raymond Chandler and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of Enguce

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Mr Verity was awarded a first class degree at Cambridge University. At Dulwich he was in charge of 1,400 pupils.

# Schools win, roads lose in spending fight

Chief Political Correspondent

Gillian Shephard yesterday out spending battle with Kenneth Clarke, the Charcellor, over her demand for £800m extra for education, but it will lead to deep cuts in defence, roads, overseas aid, social security and housing.

The Prime Minister gave the Secretary of State for Education and Employment his backing to settle her budget demand for agree cuts in spending to clear the way for up to £3-5bn in tax cuts. It will meet again next Monday to complete the task. Ministers agreed the report

of the Cabinet EDX spending committee, chaired by the Chancellor, setting out the strategy for reducing public expen-diture by more than £3bn below the £263bn total previously set for next year.

Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, was

said to have played a crucial role in forcing cuts in running costs, amounting to a swingeing 5 per cent across the board in Whitehall. Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, also won an increase in his budget to fulfil a commitment for a real-terms

increase in the NHS each year. It is expected that the Chancellor will announce that the public expenditure total has been cut by £2-3bn and senior Tories said he could raid £3bn from the contingency reserve for tax cuts. Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, led calls for the money to be spent on a 1p cut in the basic 25p rate, and raising the threshold at which people begin paying the higher rate of 40p in the pound.

The victory for Mrs Shephard will be paid for in other budgets. Overseas aid is to be slashed, possibly by reducing develop-ment funding for countries such as Kenya and Nigeria, to save cash and to register disapproval of the regimes.

The Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, is being forced to accept deeper cuts, causing fresh rumblings of discontent from Tory backbench MPs.

Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, is close to settling cuts in his spending through a freeze on some benefits not covered by the statutory up-rating in line with inflation. Long-term savings will be achieved by abolishing lone-parent benefit for by-pass may be reprieved.

new claimants, underlining Tory commitment to the family.

John Gummer, the Secretary of State for Environment, bas conceded a £400m cut in the grant for housing association. reducing it to £800m, which is likely to be criticised by the house huilding industry. Sir George Young, the Secretary of State for Transport, has been forced to shelve much of his road programme, although key schemes such as the Newbury

#### IN BRIEF

Lottery hitting the economy On the day John Major hailed the National Lottery as a great success, it emerged that the biggest loser has been the British economy – and that some children are spending more than half their pocket money on lottery tickets. Latest stalistics show the lottery has taken billions of pounds out of the economy and has cut into spending on other items. Page 23 Bomb 'chief' held

MPs warned over Notan A failure by MPs to back disclosure of their earnings from consultancies would damage the honour and repulation of parliament in the eyes of the electorate, a member of the Nolan Committee on Standards in Pubrisk of developing heart Page 2 disease.

lic Life declared.

France claimed a major

breakthrough after police ar-

rested an Algerian said to

have helped to "command

and co-ordinate" recent bomb

attacks in France.

School dinners are bad for your health, according to the National Heart Forum. Many schools provide meals that are high in fat and sugar and are putting children at

Feeding bad habits

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Blow for Karadzic

The Bosnian peace talks have been told Nato is unlikely to agree to police any settlement that leaves the Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Miadic in place.



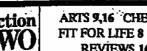
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Nolan furore: More backbenchers join revolt over Government refusal to back recommendation on outside earnings

# Disclosure issue 'risks damaging Parliament'

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

A failure by MPs to back disclosure of MPs carnings from consultancies would damage the honour and reputation of Parliament in the eyes of the electorate, a member of the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life said yesterday.

The warning came as more Tory backbenchers joined the growing rebellion against the Government's refusal go along with the original Nolan recommendation for disclosure.

Approaching two dozen MPs were yesterday prepared either to vote against the Govern-ment or abstain, threatening a cliffhanger vote in the House on Monday

The MPs are, however, currently split into two groups, one arguing for disclosure with immediate effect and the other backing implementation after

the next election. Peter Thurnham, MP for Bolton North East, and Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, were yesterday circulating a draft amendment for Monday's debate in the hope of garnering backing for an all-party amendment reflecting the lat-

Mcanwhile, Anthony King, Professor of Politics at Essex ister's Questions – although he

University, was the first mem-ber of Lord Nolan's committee to speak out after Wednesday's report on implementation of its recommendations by a select committee of MPs.

The question here is one of the honour and reputation of parliament," Professor King said in an interview with BBC Radio 4's The World at Onc.

He said the issue had become party political - a view privately shared by some Tory MPs yes-terday, who felt John Major has leapt too swiftly to the defence of the Conservative majority on the select committee.

Professor King said: "If the House of Commons does turn down this part of the Nolan committee's recommendations, then I am sure the Labour Party will go on hammering away at the Conservatives and I am sure a lot of voters will he deeply displeased. So it won't go away politically."

He said the select committee had produced a "very impressive report, but the paid advocacy ban would not stop MPs lunching with or chatting to min-

Professor King's stance was soon contradicted by another Nolan committee member, Tom King, the former Conservative



Standards bearer: Lord Nolan outside his office in King Charles Street, central London, yesterday

was the only Tory backbencher the Cabinet and the Governto defend non-disclosure as Labour MPs launched an onslaught on Mr Major.

Tony Blair, the Lahour leader, challenged the Prime Minister: "Having set up Nolan and having agreed to implement it, what possible justification are you going to give when you come to the House of Commons on Monday, along with

ment, and vote down its key recommendation - the simple, honest requirement that Members of Parliament who have outside financial interests connected with their being MPs should disclose the amount of money they earn from them. What do you and your party

The advocacy ban reverses

have to hide?

the inroads made by rules on the Register of Members' Interests on the so-called 1947 Resolution, which outlaws MPs selling

But the Conservative-dominated select committee made only a limited attempt to stop MPs circumventing it in Wednesday's report - a provision that any delegations to ministers or officials introduced by

est should be recorded in the Register of Members' Interest. Letters and other forms of contact are not mentioned. Labour claims that many MPs will get round the advocacy

ban by getting contracts with outside interests defined as purely advisory.

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

Public Policy Editor :-

A scheme that would allow

pensioners to defer part of

their pension on retirement in

order to provide them with

cover if they need long-term

care has emerged as a front-run-

ner among a package of mea-sures to tackle the mounting

crisis in bow to fund long-term care for the elderly.

The deferred pension would go into a tax exempt fund which

would pay out higher benefits if the pensioner of their spouse

required long-term care - either in their own house or in a nurs-

ing or residential home.

The idea is one of the ways

ministers are likely to honour

the promise to examine "the

more flexible use of pensions"

that the Prime Minister

promised in his party confer-

Other measures under con-

sideration include promising

free long-term care where peo-

ple agree to meet the cost of the

That could be paid for by an

insurance package taken while

at work, one bought using part

of the lump sum which accom-

panies many private sector pen-

sions or by individuals using

their own savings to cover three years' worth of care.

but crucially would do so with-

out a means-test - allowing people to keep their houses and

pass any other remaining in-heritance on to their heirs.

The scheme - similar to

packages already developed in

New York state and in Con-

necticut in the United States -

is being studied by Peter Lilley,

the Secretary of State for Social

Security, as part of a govern-ment-wide review on how to

fund long-term care in the fu-ture in the face of an increase

of 3 million in those past re-

tirement age between now and

Once that was exhausted, the state would pick up the bill

first three years themselves.

ence speech last month.

Labour also argued yesterday that the select committee report

Pension deferral

plan may solve

care dilemma

Photograph: Dillon Bryden

had simply banned advocacy un-der contracts obliging MPs to lobby on behalf of the interests an MP with a declarable interthey represented. It did not address the issue tackled by Lord Noian in his report, where he said: "the [1947] resolution does not probibit members from voluntarily speaking, lobbying or voting in support of their clients' interest if the members think it right to do so".

Peter Lilley: has options

Other options being consid-

ered include allowing those

nearing retirement to pay more

than the present statutory max-

imum into a pension fund. on

condition the cash is clearly ear-

marked for long-term care

should that provide necessary.

At present between one in six

and one in eight pensioners end

An announcement of the

their days in long term care.

first moves to ease the looming

crisis in long-term care is ex-

pected in Kenneth Clarke's

budget later this month. The

Chancellor, however, is resist-

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ng pressure to introduce tax relief on premiums for long-term

Other options ministers have

examined include a short-term

easing of the means-test for res-

idential and nursing care so that people would start to receive

help when their savings have

been run down to £16,000.

rather than the current £8,000

and allowing people to sell

their homes and put the capi-

tal into trust when they enter

to contribute to home fees, but the capital could be inherited.

Both measures, however, would increase social security spend.

The interest would be used

over long-term care crisis

## became obsessed with Louise Hobkinson - an ex-model and

tured yesterday by armed police after escaping from a mental Dale Morris, 29, who is or-dered to be detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act,

A prisoner who stalked an MP's personal assistant was recap-

IN BRIEF

Stalker recaptured by armed police

former researcher for the Con-servative MP Bill Cash. Morris disappeared from Menzies House at Leek Staffordshire, on Tuesday night

and was reported to be armed with a shotgun. Police arrested him in Hantord, Staffordshire. No firearm was found.

#### A-level surgery

An inquiry has been launched into why a 17-year-old work ex-perience student was allowed to stitch a patient's wounds on two
occasions at Bradford Royal Infirmary. On the first occasion the A-level pupil was shown how to stitch a patient by a senior house officer and put two stitches into the woman's leg. A week later, he put another three stitches into her leg.

#### Shotgun appeal fails

Ted Newbury, 83, of likeston. Derbyshire, lost his appeal against a court ruling that he must pay over £4.000 damages to an intruder he unintention-ally blasted with a shotgun while defending a shed on his allotment.

#### Rail trees saved

Campaigners have forced Rail-track to back down from a decision to fell more than 700 trees along the Guildford to Reading line. Sixty oak and silver birches will be untouched and the rest of the trees will be coppiced to a height of three feet.

#### Robbery alert

Ports and airports were on full alort for a pair of "violent organised thieves" believed to be trying to flee after a £5(%).(KH) ewellery robbery at a West End antique jewellers in which a 47-year-old assistant was pis-tol-whipped.

#### **Uister troops leave**

Troop levels in Northern Ireland are to be cut again in the wake of the terrorist ceasefires. About 600 men of 45 Commando Royal Marine, based in the border region of Co Fermanagh for the past six months, are due to leave the province at the end of the month and will not be replaced. . .

#### Helpline launched

The Samaritans launched a new £5m telephone network yesterday to ensure callers are never faced with an engaged tone. The number, 0345 900090, is available for the price of a local call.

#### Cancer screening

Almost a quarter more breast cancers can be detected by taking two X-rays during mutine screening rather than the one mammogram which has been the usual practice, according to a study at St Barnholomew's Hospital, London published in the British Medical Journal,

#### Peter Brooke: an apology

Peter Brooke, Conservative MR for the City of London and Westminster South, asks us to point out that he has never been divorced or separated. His first wife died in 1985. He remarried in 1991. We apologise for our

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# Oftel forced to tone down attack on Blair's internet deal with BT

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Tony Blair's eye-catching deal with BT to cable up schools, hospitals and libraries to the information superhighway for free was attacked by the telecom regulator yesterday for increasing the company's mo-

nopoly power. However, Don Cruickshank. director general of Oftel, was forced to withdraw part of his attack, after Labour responded furiously, insisting it would not

give BT special rights.

Mr Cruickshank claimed in a BBC radio interview on Wednesday night that the Labour-BT deal promoted monopoly and said: "I think schools should have a choice. They should not be obliged to hook up to BT"

But within hours he was forced to issue a clarification, after Labour insisted it did not want to give BT exclusive rights.

In his Brighton conference speech last month Mr Blair, the Labour leader, announced that he had agreed to allow BT to sell broadcast services - TV channels and computer data on its network from 2002 in return for social benefits.

Labour wanted "more compe-

Tony Blair, speech to Labour conference;

Sir lain Vallance, BT chairman, 3 October:

"We strongly believe we can make a tremen-

public services and in particular health and

BT spokesman, 3 October: "It's not a deal,"

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade

5 October: "If there is a deal, it cannot be

and choice best serve the consumer, not private.

sweetheart deals with one company that un-

it's more of a concept."

dermine the others."

said it was "totally absurd" to dustry, said she was surprised by says nothing about restricting suggest that Labour was trying Mr Cruickshank's comments. to give BT monopoly rights. "It "What Labour is doing is proto give BT monopoly rights. "It "What Labour is doing is pro-would be open to cable com- moting competition by lifting the punies to bid to link up schools and hospitals as well, "he said, market for cable companies."

Mr Cruicksbank was on hol- new networks". tition in the market" and it was iday at the time of Mr Blair's

Brighton, 3 October: "In return for access to Mr Blair is proposing to do something which

access to BT It makes it clear that the party planned "to re-quire BT, the cable companies and others" to ensure that "the whole country is linked to the

The cable companies are al-

the Government which was preventing it, he said.

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It was a look in the fail was conference speech, and was preventing it, he said. Marguret Beckett. Lubour's note issued by the Labour Par-spokeswoman for trade and in-ty with the text of the speech tached to BT's "self-interested" The BT deal, what they said

the market, I can announce BT has agreed, as . think is correct and in the interests of the country they build up their network, to connect up every as a whole, not just of BT."
school, every college, every hospital and every **Don Chuickshank, Offici director general, 1**library in Britain. For free."
Roveniber: "I am against the monopolistic element, certainly (of the Labour-BT deal). I think schools should have a choice. They should not

inet minister, 5 October: On this occasion

dous contribution to improving the delivery of the obliged to hook up to Bit." Tony Blair's spokesman, 1 November: "It would be open to cable companies to bid to link up schools and hospitals as well. Labour wants more competition in the market." Don Cruickshank, 2 November: Oftel "will

have nothing to do with monopolistic or excluseen to be in the public interest. Competition .. sive supply by BT, and I am glad that the Labour Party agrees with this." lan Taylor, technology minister, 2 November:

"If I as a minister had done a deal as bad as Lord Tebbit, BT director and former Tery Cab- .. Tony Blair did with BT, I'd be secked on the spot. offer. However, a spokesman for the cable companies association vesterday said "relations with the Labour Party are very good".

But Mr Cruickshank stood

part of his ground yesterday, say-ing cabling schools and hospitals was a social issue which should not be tied up with the competition issue - the question of when BT should be allowed to sell TV services on its network. The Government has banned the giant privatised company from doing so until at least 2002 in order to protect the cable companies from BT's market power while they establish themselves in the market.

lan Taylor, technology minister, said: "Effectively Blair is allowing BT into the broadcast market without the precondition of competition which we have applied."

But Graham Allen, a Labour frontbencher involved in the ne-gotiations with both BT and the cable companies, said: "Currently we have a cable mononoly. The last thing we want to do is substitute a BT monopoly

for a cable monopoly."

The cable companies claim to have already invested £5bn in creating a national network, capable of carrying high-ca-pacity data and TV channels.

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# A spokesman for Mr Blair GRRRENADIERS GUARD IT. GRRRAHAM'S Just roll it round your tongue. GRAHAM'S

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### the year 2025. Bank rejects ferret fanciers PETER VICTOR

A bitter row blew up yesterday as ferret fanciers fell foul of ethical investment policies at the Co-op Bank.

Members of a Bedfordshirebased welfare group for mustel-la furo (the ferret) yesterday described the bank as "barmy" for refusing to allow them to

open an account because it

said they were supporters of a

'cruel" sport. One ferret fancier, Mary Neale, said she was shocked

of pounds to pay vets' bills and support abandoned animals.

Managers at the bank's Luton Business Centre said ferrets were used to hunt rabbits and the group should take its business elsewhere.

Ms Neale, from Bedford, said: "As a society we are interested in promoting the welfare of ferrets. The money we raise from racing events, fairs and donations is all used to help when the bank turned down her animals that have been ill-treat-

application to open an account for the Bedford Ferret Welfare Society which raises thousands

ed. Many of us aren't involved in ferreting for raibbits. But those who do are often brought in by farmers or gardeners who see it as the most humane form of culling. It's just a completely barmy decision."

David Smith, spokesman for the Co-op Bank, said. "We won't support anyone involved in blood sport; that means the use of animals or hirds to capture, fight or kill other animals. We consulted the League Against Cruel Sports ... and we ranked it alongside fox-hunting as a cruel sport."

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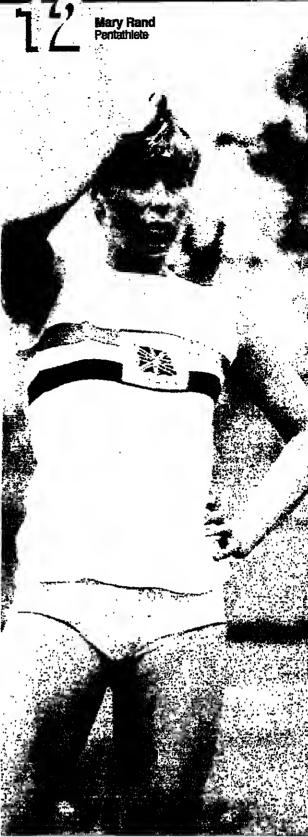
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# Best takes top spot in the league of heroes

JOHN McKIE

It promises to start countless pub arguments but that was part of the intention.

When Total Sport magazine polled 1,000 sports writers. broadcasters and former stars for their favourite British Sports Heroes of all time for its first issue, there were bound to be some controversial verdicts.

People polled included Gary Lineker, Bill Beaumont, Geoff Boycott, Des Lynam, Brough Scott and Harry Carpenter. They voted George Best into first place, with Ian Botham second, Linford Christie third, Bobby Moore fourth and Lester Piggott fifth. Among the ex-clusions in the list of 100 favourites are legends including Graham Gooch, Geoff Hurst and Robin Cousins. Danny Kelly, who left the

music magazine Q to edit Total Sport, said; "Yes, it's going to infuriate people, but that's no bad thing.

"The poll was about sporting heroes and that's why George Best is at number one. He seemed to reflect something marvellous about this country in the Sixties ... He may have indulged in a lot of drink and women hut it was a life a lot of us would liked to have lived. From numbers two to five in our poll were very close hut George Best won by a long way."

The poli reflects popular heroes rather than champions. Steve Davis won six World Snooker titles but does not feature in the top 100. Alex "Hurricane" Higgins, only twice world champion, is at number 36 and Jimmy White, who has never won the world title, is at

Mr Kelly acknowledged that Champion MBE. Kelly admitthe ages of those who voted ted that it was not just the perwere also a factor and the result, given the high prominence of George Best and the 1966 World Cup hero Bobby Moore in the top five.

The highest placed woman, Mary Rand, was voted into 12th place because of her heroics in the 1964 Olympics, where she won a gold medal in the long jump, silver in the pentathlor and bronze in the sprint relay Other women to perform well included another pentathlete, Mary Peters, (26) the current track star Sally Gunnell (42) and former Wimhledon champions Ann Jones (61) and Virginia

Wade (65). The highest placed non-human is the recently deceased Red Rum (20), although at number 54 Aldinite shares a mention with the jockey Boh sonality of the star which influenced the votes but their panache with which they carried out their day jobs. "I don't think I'd want to

spend a lot of time down the pub with Ian Botham but he ide an Australian cricket captain cry and, not to be too jingoistic about it, that's no bad thing in my book."

Current heroes, like the boxer Prince Naseem Hamed (77) and the footballer Ryan Giggs (47) are included, although both are in their early twenties.

England's rugby union captain Will Carling, who is not included, will be less than delighted to see the inclusion of teammates Rory Underwood (59) and Rob Andrew (66). However, the Princess of Wales was not among those polled.



# Howard 'toeing EU line' by combating asylum seekers

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

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Michael Howard was last night embroiled in a fresh controversy over his plans to clamp down on asylum seekers after documents revealed that the Euro-sceptic Home Secretary had already secretly agreed them with other

European ministers. News that Mr Howard is actually implementing a harmonised European immigration and asylum policy will greatly embarrass the Home Secretary, who only last month boast-

ed to his party conference: "Our immigration policy will he decided here in Britain. And not in Brussels. We will never surrender control of our frontiers."

In fact, the two key propos-als in the forthcoming Immigration and Asylum Bill to be included in next week's Queen's Speech were agreed behind closed doors in Europe - one as long ago as 1992. Documents seen by the Independent show that even the advice recently given to Conservative MPs on how to deal with any criticism of the policy was based

on guidelines from the EU, issued by the president's office.

Although the resolutions are not legally hinding on member states, governments are obliged to "strive to bring their na-tional legislation into line by January 1996". That is exactly what Mr Howard is doing.

Last night, there was anger on Mr Howard's own back benches that the Government was "on the one hand professing to belong to a Europe of nation states, while on the other en-gaging in secret integration.. Richard Shepherd, MP for

Aldridge-Brownhills, said: "It is a scandal that issues as fundamental as immigration and asylum should be being decided in such an undemocratic and secret fashion".

Senior Home Office sources rejected claims that Mr Howard was merely adopting European policy. "These resolutions were agreed to on the basis they did not conflict with developing proposals for stemming the flow of illegal immigration into Britain," the source said. "The resolutions are not legally binding and the Government has

successfully prevented immiuropean level."

But Jack Straw, shadow Home Secretary, accused Mr Howard of "flying the Union Jack while following the European stars". "It is a nice irony that a Euro-sceptic Home Secretary is having his own asylum policy driven by a fortress Eu-

rope' group in Brussels.
"These revelations follow the British government's acquiescence to a common visa list which will impose visitors' visas on up to 30 Commonwealth

countries for which they are not required at the moment".

The first of the two key proposals of the new Bill is the drawing up of a so called "white list" of countries, deemed to be "safe" and therefore unlikely to produce real refugees. It was, in fact, first adopted by EU home affairs ministers at a meeting in London in 1992.

The second - the abolition of full appeal rights to those refugees arriving via a safe third country, for example France - appears in an EU res-olution, adopted by Mr Howard

in Luxembourg in June, four months before his party conference speech.

In the face of widespread opposition from employers organisations and welfare groups, the Government is apparently rethinking its proposed third plank - to fine employers who hire illegal immigrants. Richard Dunstan, refugee of-

ficer for Amnesty International, said: "Michael Howard appears to be trying to have his cake and eat it. On the one hand he played to the Euro-sceptic gallery at the Conservative party conference by pledging that EU policy will be determined here in Britain. But on the other hand he is set to introduce legislation that is derived entirely from EU documents drawn up by a secretive cabal of

EU officials.

He said the process was producing common EU asylum policy based on the lowest common denominator. "It falls short of international standards, lacks essential safeguards and will therefore undermine the international community's system for protecting refugees.

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# Tycoon 'sent son on missions to mislead'

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Robert Maxwell used his son Kevin to send "misleading messages" to the City of London, banks and others on dozens of occasions, the Old Bailey fraud trial was told yesterday.

Kevin was being questioned by Alan Suckling QC, for the prosecution, about the "deliberate lie" he told to the Bank of Nova Scotia on instructions from his father.

In a series of angry clashes, Kevin denied that he and his father had knowingly put pension funds at risk for their own selfThe Maxwell Trial

had misled institutions in 1991, and hefore that, on the instructions of his father.

Kevin told the court, on his 14th day in the witness box, that

he wished he had stood up to his father, but instead did as he was told and later had to apologise to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Asked if he had told any other lies, he said he had not, hut added: "Over the years I was involved in dozens of presentations to City institutions, to banks and all kinds of third parties. At the end of the day, my father was responsible for the script or messages being delivered, and some of the messages were not lies but certainly they could have been seen to have been misleading to the market." Kevin assured the jury that he was an "honest man".

Questioned about £1m worth of shares in the Israeli company Scitex, which the prosecution alleges belong to the pensioners, he insisted he had seen an stank, didn't it?" amended document in which the beneficial ownership of the shares was transferred to the

He said his father showed him the amended document in his office and he believed that Bishopsgate Investment Management, which administered the pension fund, had transferred the beneficial ownership to RMG.

Robert Maxwell Group (RMG).

The publisher's youngest son said he only saw the document

cepted what he was told about it. Mr Suckling said: "Why? It

In an angry ontburst, Kevin Maxwell accused him of using an emotive word, saying it was easy to say that with the benefit of hindsight after the crash. He went on: "I had implicit

faith in my father and I trusted him. I had years of experience of working with him, of his methods, that included transactions involving pension fund assets. It was the ordinary course of business for him and I accepted it."

it, Mr Maxwell?"

Kevin Marwell: "Mr Suckling, you have to say that, My defence has not changed for years. I saw the amended agree-ment. I believe it was valid."

He raised his voice in anger when Mr Suckling asked him what had happened to the document. "I can't believe you are asking me that question. We have been denied access to the papers. We have looked everywhere we have been allowed to."

He accused the prosecution and the Serious Fraud Office of denying him and his defence

Earlier, Kevin had told the jury he did not consider the pension fund had been in any way put at risk over the Scitex deal. When Mr Suckling suggest-ed that any independent pension fund manager would have had to have lost his senses, or been dishonest, to hand over the shares to RMG. Kevin dis-

He said that although in 1991, when the shares were sold, RMG was facing liquidi-ty problems and was in "choppy water", it was not in bad shape because it had assets

briefly at a late-night meeting. Mr Suckling said: "This team access to all the docuin his father's office, but acmeeting never took place, did ments.

Worth many millions of pounds.

Answering Mr Suckling's second, consider we were jeopardising the ability to pay pen-sions? Absolutely not."

In another angry exchange, Kevin said: "I am telling a consistent story which is the truth. You are a prosecutor who wants to send me to jail and you want me to say something different.

Lam not going to help you."

Kevin, his brother Ian, and former Maxwell financial adconspiracy to defraud the pen-

# Vote of confidence in future of rubbish-to-power brokers

The Government is investing in new technology to help meet energy needs

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

A boost for renewable energy, including wind farms and electricity-generating waste incinerators, was announced by the Government yesterday.

Bids will be sought from the private sector for a further 500 megawatts of electrical power to be provided by non-fossil fuel and non-nuclear sources. This is equivalent to about half the output of a large, conventional power station.

The companies whose bids succeed will be guaranteed a stable price for their electricity for 15 years, set above today's market price for power. This renewables subsidy is paid for by electricity consumers, and it adds just over one per cent to

The winning projects picked hy the Government will be those which demand the lowest subsidy and succeed in convincing the Department of Trade and industry that they have sound prospects of financial backing. Bids will be invited from next month but the winners - expected to number around 100 - will not be announced until 1997.

This is the fourth time the Government has staged such an auction and it is leading to a rapid expansion in UK renewable energy. The first wind farm opened four years ago in

of them, with about 500 electricity-generating turbines. Yet they still generate little more than one thousandth of

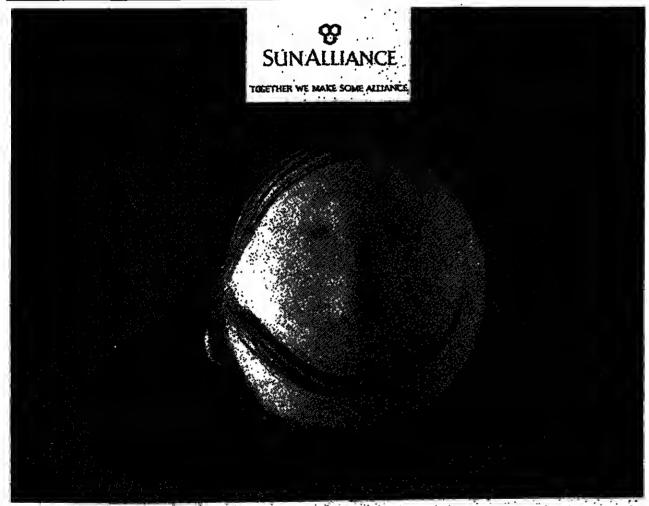
Britain's power. But the form of renewable energy which has expanded most rapidly is the use of in-flammable methane gas, gen-erated by rotting rubbish in landfill tips. Collected in a network of perforated pipes buried in the waste, the gas is then used to fuel engines attached to electricity generators.

For the first time, some of the subsidy contracts in this auction round will be awarded to comhined heat and power projects - power stations which also provide hot water and space heating for thousands of nearby homes and businesses via underground hot water pipes.

These are expected to take the form of three or four large municipal rubbish incinerators. If they provide heat as well as electricity, they can work much more efficiently and convert far more of the energy in the rubbish into a useful product.

The Government set up the subsidy scheme for renewables because they cause either no pollution or much less than fossil fuels and they give Britain a greater diversity of energy supplies. Its target is for 1,500 megawatts of new renewables to be installed by the year 2000, in addition to the 1,500 megawatts of hydroelectric power schemes





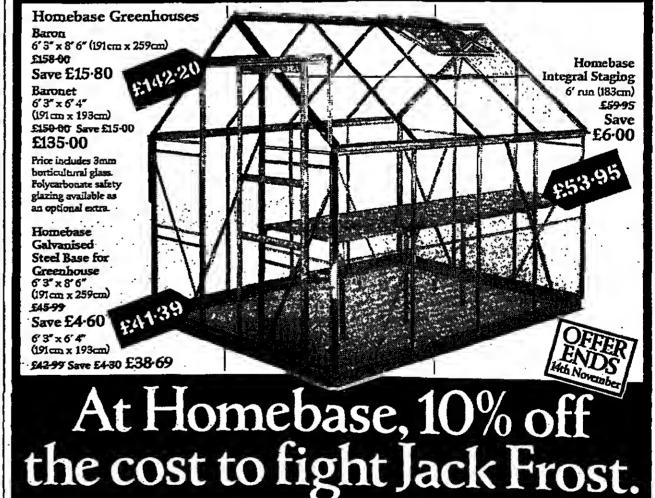
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# Moonies' leader cancels his visit to Britain

DANNY PENMAN

The Moonies founder, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, vesterday cancelled his visit to Britain after the Home Secretary refused to lift a han on his entry to the UK

On Wednesday, the Unifica-tion Church won a legal victory over Michael Howard, when the High Court ordered him to reconsider the block on Mr Moon's visit.

But Mr Howard, speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme yesterday, ruled out lifting the ban.

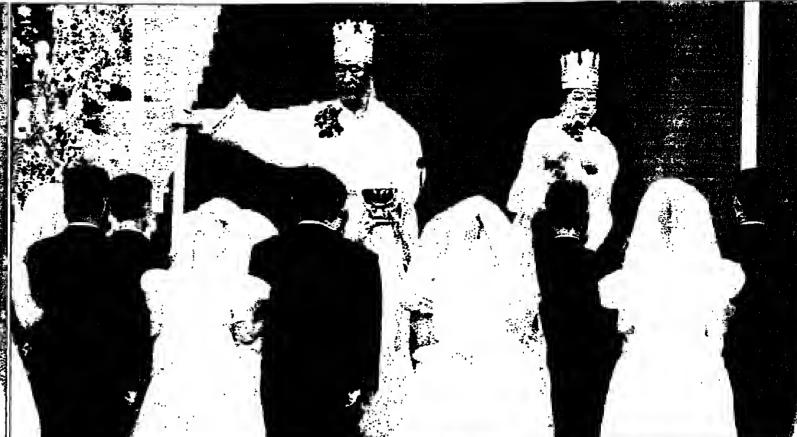
The Home Secretary said: "The ban is still in force. The ban has not been set aside. I do not intend to set it aside." The Home Office said it was quite happy to receive a fresh application from Mr Moon, but added: "We do not intend to set the ban aside."

The apparent refusal by the Home Office to reconsider the ban has angered the church's leaders. Mark Brann, president of its UK branch, said: "We regard it as a very serious matter when you have a Home Secretary who says he's the guardian of the law and then goes ahead and effectively disregards it."

Mr Moon was due to arrive in Britain today and hold a service for 1,200 followers in central London tomorrow. The chureb claims 700 followers in the UK and about 4m world-

Members of the church claim to be Christian, but elements of Home Office statistics paint a





In the name of the father: Rev Sun Myung Moon (left) and his worldwide church believe followers should take part in in mass 'arranged marriage' ceremonies, at which he and his wife officiate

Confucianism and Buddhism are both incorporated into its teachings. It has been the target of allegations that it has broken up families and also that it has "brain-washed" followers.

few of those initially attracted to the church join it, and that 90 per cent of those who do join leave within two years.

Mr Moon is the central fig-

different picture and show that clusion will prove a deep disappointment to his followers. Mr Brann said: "If you regard someone as your spiritual leader and inspiration, then it's

"Mr Howard should not interfere with religious freedom. He's our Secretary of State as well - not just the Secretary of State for Mail on Sunday or Daily Mail readers."

suasive case over the coming weeks in an attempt to persuade the Home Secretary to grant Mr Moon an entry visa.

ning to try and build a more per-

Mr Brann said members of

cruit "Nobel Laureates and statesmen to their cause". He also dismissed the allegations used by the Home Seeretary to justify the refusal of an

that the church in its immaturity experienced a number of grettable. Unfortunately, that reflects badly on our founder, who never had any intention of

# NHS chief attacks bleak prediction of future cost

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Alan Langlands, the NHS chief executive, yesterday attacked the "gloom and doom" view that NHS cannot be afforded and that both rationing and privatisation of the health service is inevitable.

In a straightforward rebuke to Sir Duncan Nichol, his predecessor, and Rodney Walker, the outgoing chair of the NHS Trust Federation, Mr Langands said he wanted to "distance himself" from what he

dubbed the "ration-and-privalise brigade".

Launching the NHS annual report, Mr Langlands said there would always be a gap between everything the NHS might wish to do and what was possible. Choices had to be made and set-ting priorities was "a fact of life". But that reality was "neither

new nor peculiar to the health service". He did not find the arguments in Sir Duncan's Healthcare 2000 report "terribly convincing", and accused Mr Walker of appearing to "talk up some sort of immediate crisis". The NHS was under "significant pressure", Mr Langlands said,

but the service was coping, with good ideas about changing the way things are done". The pressures of an ageing population, medical advance and heightened expectations vere not new, Mr Langlands said "and the NHS has been responding to them successfully

for many years".

Over the next five to 10 years, the population "is not ageing at a pace that we won't he able to cope" given the real terms growth the NHS has been promised. The numbers of people over 85 - whose care on average costs 10 times as much annually as those aged 16 to 44 - were set to rise from only 1.6 per cent of the population to 2.1 per cent hetween 1990 and

There were problems over expensive new drugs, but other advances such as minimally invasive surgery and the possi ble development of artific bone saved money.

His comments came as Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, praised the Greater Glasgow Health Board for shifting its contracts for breast surgery to six named consultants whose results provided a 10 per cent better survival rate. It has also restricted treatment of testicular cancer to one hospital with and more successful treatment.

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# Young women tell of attacks by Fred West

Rosemary West trial: Witnesses describe builder's terrifying stalking tactics

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WILL BENNETT

Frederick West drove around alone following and sometimes assaulting girls and young women, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Seven women said that they recognised Mr West as the man who had followed or attacked them on his own when his photograph appeared in the media after his arrest last year.

Another witness said that on several occasions he had seen Mr West sitting in a car with Mary Bastholm, who disappeared in Gloucester in 1968.

Mr West's widow Rosemary, 41, denies murdering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at their house at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and at their previous home in the city. Her husband, who was charged with 12 murders, was found dead in his prison cell on 1 January this year.

Mrs West has told the court that she was not involved in the

Yesterday a witness described in court as Mrs C said that she was picked up by Mr West when she was hitch-hiking in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, in 1966. Shortly afterwards he turned off the main road.

Mrs C said: "He pulled into a lane. He grabbed my body. I can't remember the precise details but it was a sexual and physical attack. He told me to take

my knickers off.

I managed to get halfway out of the car and he had his arm around my throat dragging me back into the car."

She remained fully dressed and Mr West masturbated in front of her. Afterwards she said he was "very charming, pleasant and joking" and took her back into Cheltenham.

Janette Clarke wept as she told the court that she had been terrified when she had twice heen followed by a man in Gloucestershire in 1966. When shown a photograph of Mr West in court she said: "Oh God, that's the one."

near Stroud, Gloucestershire, in Alison Clinton described

how she had been attacked by 1975 and who last year she a man in 1968 when she was 13. recognised as Mr West. She said: "He became more She said: "He grabbed my wrist. and more violent, punching me I got free and ran to the nearin the abdomen several times. est house." Twenty six years lat-

face on television after his armanaged to escape." A woman referred to only as Caroline Langman said in a Mrs D said in a statement that statement that in 1972 when she she had recognised Mr West on television last year as the man was 16 she was repeatedly followed by a hlue van as she cywho had masturbated in front cled home from school in of her and then assaulted her in Gioucester in 1975. Gloucester and that she later received an obscene telephone Vincent Oakes said in a state-

Somehow I don't know how I

ment that he had seen Mr West call. When she saw Mr West's photograph last year she "went in a car with Mary Bastholm very cold and felt very strange". who disappeared in Gloucester Julie Coulson described in a in January 1968 on four or five occasions. He knew Mary, who was a neighbour, but did not recognise Mr West until after his statement how she was attacked in Towkesbury, Gloucestershire, in 1975 aged 15. She said: "The man grabbed hold of my arm and tried to pull me into the car. arrest last year.

The last time Mr Oakes saw them together was just before Christmas shortly before Mary I managed to get away and ran A statement from Theresa vanished. Nobody has ever been Davies was read out in which charged in connection with her she said that she was assaulted by a man who gave her a lift

The trial continues today.



Janette Clarke: Told Winchester Crown Court she had twice been followed by Fred West.

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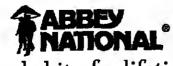
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# Memoirs deal is 'repulsive', says Mackay

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Reporter

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, yesterday said the con-troversial decision by the Official Solicitor to sell Fred West's police interviews and memoirs was "repulsive".

In a separate development, the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire police, Tony Butler. also made clear his anger. He said that the deal, apparently done without his consent, raised issues of grave public con-

Their comments follow an admission by the Prime Minister two weeks ago that he felt "extreme distaste" for the hiography brokered by the Official Solicitor, Peter Harris, with Hodder Headline for a six-fig-

Lord Mackay revealed his repugnance to Douglas French. he Conservative MP for Gloucester, who wants the book stopped. Mr French said: "The Lord Chancellor shares the public view that the sale is a most distasteful exercise. He described it as 'repulsive'. But he also said the Official Solicitor was probably acting within his powers.

Mr Harris commissioned the biography, to be written by Geoffrey Wansell and published next year, after West hanged himself in a Birmingham prison on New Year's Day while awaiting trial on 12 charges of mur-

The move raised a storm of protest and highlighted the legal loophole by which families of alleged criminals, particularly those who have died, can profit from their apparent mis-

Mr Harris claims that as ex-

ecutor of West's estate, which includes 25 Cromwell Street, 132 tapes of police interviews, and West's autobiography. / Was Loved By An Angel, he was obliged to maximise its profits by commissioning the biogra-

But in his first statement on the subject, Mr Butler vesterday made public his disapproval of

He said: 'The use by an au-thor of material produced by Gloucestershire constabulary in the course of a criminal investigation, without the express authority of the constabulart. raises a number of issues of grave public concern.

"It goes without saying that there are important issues of confidentiality and I would not wish this proposal to be interpreted by the public as a suggestion that information they provide to us in the course of an investigation could subsequently find its way into a

Mr Butler added that he was seeking urgent legal advice whether such material, made available to prepare a defendant's case, could be used for "any other purpose that the ac-cused person or their legal representative sees fit".

The legal questions high-lighted by the deal are also to be pursued by Mr French, who has been urged by Lord Mackay to discuss them with the Home Sccretary, Michael Howard.

"The Lord Chancellor has invited me to come forward with some proposals, which could be put in a private member's bill or taken up the Government, to stop this happening in future. Clearly he would be sympathetic to that," the MP added.

#### DAILY POEM

#### The Send-Off

By Wilfred Owen

Down the close, darkening lanes they sang their way To the siding-shed, And lined the train with faces grimly gay.

Their breasts were stuck all white with wreath and spray As men's are, dead.

Dull porters watched them, and a casual tramp Stood staring hard,
Sorry to miss them from the upland camp.
Then, unmoved, signals nodded, and a lamp
Winked to the guard.

So secretly, like wrongs hushed-up, they went. They were not ours: We never heard to which front these were sent

Nor there if they yet mock what women meant Who gave them flowers.

Shall they return to beatings of great bells In wild train-loads? A few, a few, too few for drums and yells, May creep back, silent, to still village wells Up half-known roads.

Wilfred Owen was killed in hattle on 4 November 1918, at the age of 25, seven days before the end of the First World War writes Catherine Barraclough. The "war poems" were written between January 1917 and November 1918, and although only four were published in his lifetime, he has since been recognised as one of the major poets of the century. His verse, impassioned expressions of the 'pity of war', had a rich musicality in advance of anything achieved by his peers. But his mature contribution to English poetry, and the promise of his ability to speak for a generation torn apart by war was never to be fulfilled. His death left a lamentable gap. A friend wrote in the 1950s: "I have found many letters lately of Wilfred Owen's.

and looking back over the time since the last war, I see how much easier all our lives would have been if he had lived." The War Poems of Wilfred Owen are published by Chatto at £4.99.

# School dinners 'can damage your health'

**GLENDA COOPER** 

School dinners are bad for your health, according to the National Heart Forum (NHF). Too many secondary schools are providing meals that are high in fat and sugar and are putting children at risk of developing heart disease.

While children in the past grumbled about cannonball peas or wallpaper-paste mashed potatoes, today's children have an "appalling diet, high in consumption of the three C's: crisps, chips and confectionery" according to the NHF, which works to reduce levels of coronary beart disease. It is today launching a computer prugramme, the School Meals Assessment Pack (SMAP) to monitor and calculate the nutritional value of school meals.

Children get a third of their energy from school meals, hut despite government health strategies there has been no improvement in the diets of school children for 10 years. They typically eat food that is high in fat, high in sugar but low in fibre. calcium and iron. On average they eat chips at school three times a week.

The forum helieves that the state of school meals, which are eaten by 45 per cent of children. has suffered because nutritional standards were abolished in 1980. This was exacerbated by the introduction of compulsory competitive tendering in 1988, which forced schools to put their catering service out to tender. This encouraged caterers to rely more on preprepared food and sugary snacks to cut

costs.

SMAF consists of a user's guide for caterers in developing healthy menus and a leacher's pack for classroom use.

In pilot studies, SMAP found that 46 per ceot of calories in school meals came from fat, compared with the Government recommended maximum of 35 per ceni.

NHF chairman and leading cardiologist Professor Desmond Julian warned: "Coronary heart disease is the UK's single largest cause of premature death and the seeds of the disease are sown in childhood. It has been estimated that 30 per cent of deaths from the disease are due to an unhealthy diet. If we do not tackle this now, any progress this na-



Food for thought: A youngster at Hotham Junior School, Putney, west London, tucks into his school dinner

our high rates of coronary heart disease will be reversed next century when the children of today become adults," Coronary heart disease is

the leading cause of death in the UK, with over 170,000 deaths annually. Although rates of the disease in men aged 35 to 74 dropped 24 per cent between 1980 and 1990, other developed countries have seen the rate fall

Imogen Sharp, director of NHF, said the Government's Health of the Nation targets would not be met unless there

school meals service. While ideally national nutritional standards would be reintroduced, she said that in the world of the "contract culture", local education authorities should insist that specific nutritional guidelines be included in all school catering contracts. All school food, including school meals, vending machines, tuck shops and playground vans should be given an annual health audit. The Department for Education should

support for school meals.
"Pupils and school gover-

also ensure adequate financial

ing the health value of their school meals service and parents nced to be sure they are paying for nutritions school meals. she said. "About 4 million school lunches are served everyday yet there is little in the way of quality assurance for the service."

A 1994 report by NHF found that the average teeoager consumes four packets of crisps, six cans of fizzy drinks, seven bars of chocolate. Ihree bags of chips and seven puddings each week while eating only one seventh of the recommended intake of fruit and vegetables.

healthy diet can influence the development of dental disease, bowel disorders, nutritional anaemia and obesity. The number of obese children is estimated to have doubled between 1980 and 1990.

"The school meals service was developed at the beginning of this century to improve children's poor bealth," said Maggie Sanderson, of the British Dietetic Association. "The diseases may have changed but the question of diet-related ill health remains. Work on the diets of children in the next mil-

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Unhealthy menu Battered Fish Beefburger and Bap Baked Sausages Hot Dogs Creamed Potato

Potato Waffles Baked Beans Chips Roast Potatoes 

Apple Crumble and Custard Lemon Meringue Chocolate Crisoles Doughnuts

### **Bulimia** article doctors cleared

Three doctors were vesterday found guilty of identifying a bulimia sufferer with a history of self-mutitatioo in a medical iournal. But they were found not guilty of serious professional misconduct after deliberations lasting more than two hours at the General Medical Council in London.

Dr John Eagles of Binghill Park, Milltimber, Aberdeen. and Dr Jon Parkin, whose address was giveo as the Royal Cornhill Hospital. Aberdeen. had been accused of disclosing information in the paper about the condition of a patient, identified to the hearing as Ms C. without her informed consent and in such a way as to enable her to be identified.

Dr Alastair Palin, now of Noel Road, Isliogton, north London, was accused of providing information for the paper without obtaining Ms C's informed consent and in such a way as to enable her to be identified. He had been Ms C's psychiatrist.

Adrian Whitfield QC, representing Dr Eagles and Dr Parkin, the authors of the paper about 26-year-old Ms C, had told the hearing the article was not gratuitous or unreasonable and was an important contributioo to an important topic.

Mr Whitfield argued that doctors doing research, espe-cially in the field of psychiatry, faced inevitable dilemmas about how much detail of individual cases to give.

Simon Taylor, representing Dr Palin, said the committee had heard different versions of the meeting between his client and Ms C, where she is said to have consented to be interviewed by Dr Parkin for the suggested paper Blood-letting in Bulimia Nervosa.

He asked the committee to accept evidence from Ms C's key worker at the time, Mrs Sally Hill that Ms C had consented and was capable of doing so.

The doctors declined to comment on the outcome, but said: "We are naturally relieved that the GMC has found on the cvidence none of us were guilty of misconduct and our duty of confidentiality remains. All we wish to say is that we regret any distress which has been caused to

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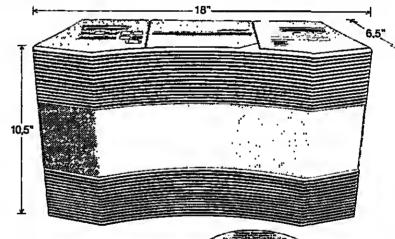
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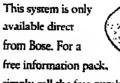
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# UK tourism looks east after £10bn record year

#### JOJO MOYES

Britain is playing host to record numbers of tourists, who are spending increasing amounts. But unless it can tap into the new tourism markets, its share of international receipts will continue to slide - last year it fell 2 per cent, equivalent to a loss of £4bn.

According to the British Tourist Authority (BTA), a 39 per cent rise in Eastern European tourists and a 14 per cent rise in the amount spent by Asian visitors helped increase tourist revenue to a record

Most of this was spent on hotels (36.1 per ceot) and shopping (24.5 per coot) with a further £2m spent on eating out.

At the launch of its annual report yesterday it said Britain's tourist industry now employs 1.5 million people and is a large and

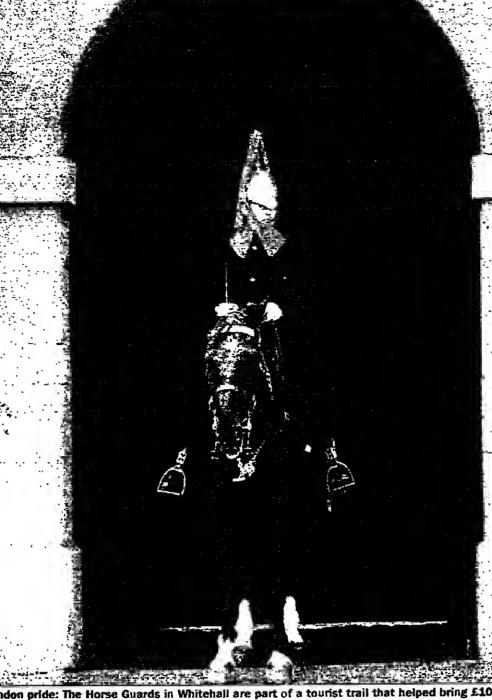
growing proportion of GDP. amounting to 5 per cent of expon carnings.

According to Adele Biss, chairman of the BTA, it is also "the right kind" of export as it does not absorb a high proportion of imported raw materials and is spread geographically and economically Throughout the country.

But she warned yesterday that if Britain were to halt its gradual slide in worldwide share of tourism receipts, it needed to lure new visitors from a mushrooming selection of alternative destinations and capitalise on its reputations for both tradition and youth culture.

Tourism is expected to be the world's largest industry by the year 2000, but sustaining Britain's share of this buge growth industry will not be easy." said Ms Biss.

In the immediate future,



London pride: The Horse Guards in Whitehall are part of a tourist trail that helped bring £10bn to Britain last year

kets such as Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Malaysia where international travel is growing at three times the world average."

According to Anthony Sell, the BTA's chief executive, the lowering of Britain's world

the BTA ought to establish a of the rest of the world. To adstronger presence in new mar- dress this and capitalise on the burgeoning Asian market, he said the BTA had undertaken a number of surveys to examine how other nationalities viewed Britain, and how they chose their holiday destination.

According to one, the Japanshare has occurred primarily be-cause the British economy has couple as 50-year-old heefnot been growing as fast as those eating "squares" who were ob-

sessed with politics and sticklers said. "Others said they wanted for punctuality. British lifestyles were considered "simple". "plain" and "solid" and de-scribed by the colours grey and brown. But they were impressed

with the scenery. "Some Japanese visitors said they wanted to go to sleep for un afternoon in Hyde Park. They considered they had ruined their own country," Mr Sell

to go walking around the London suburbs and look at people's gardens - because that was something they didn't have at home."

Peter Rabbit was also a popular draw, with many Japanese citing the Beatrix Porter books as their introduction to the English language and subsequently choosing Cumbria as a

also been a success. As London emerges once more on to the cutting edge of fashion and popular music, the tourist authority finds that the Asian youth market is increasingly interested in Britain - and increasingly lucrative.

holiday destination. But culti-

vating Loodoo's image as a

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"By the year 2000, the aver-

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age age in Asia is going to be 23. That's a fast-growing market. So in Hoog Kong we conducted a campaign with Virgin with the Cantonese star Faye Wong dressed up as a Beefcater," said Mr Scil.

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The new Mercedes E-class. Engineering seen with fresh eyes. Children at risk: Psychiatrist warns of need to curb widespread participation of under-16s to prevent dependency in later life

# Lottery 'breeding generation of gamblers'

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

A generation of children is heing turned on to gambling by the National Lottery with the connivance of the promoters, broadcasters and retailers, a leading psychiatrist has warned.

Preliminary results of the first survey of under-16s found that almost two-thirds had bought lottery tickets although it is against the law for retailers to sell to this age group. The percentage of under-age lottery players mirrors the overall participation rate.

Dr Emmanuel Moran, chairman of the National Council on Gambling, is calling for the lottery weekly draw to be shown after the 9pm watershed. "This is not family entertainment, it is gambling and gambling is for adults," he said yesterday.

Dr Moran also argues that tickets and instant scratch cards should be sold from licensed premises only, to reinforce the exclusion of children from gambling activities.

He says the hype surrounding the weekly broadcasting of the draw, the widespread sale of tickets to those under-age, and the heavy promotion of scratch cards alongside the sweet counter in some shops, could lead to gambling dependence in later life for vulnerable children,

Dr Moran's comments echo those of senior representatives of the main churches who last week attacked the lottery for "undermining public culture and damaging society", and called for the minimum age for playing to be raised to 18. The Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland also urged that oo more licences for instant scratch cards be issued, and the size of jackpots to be limited to £1m.

Society's consensus that gambling is an adult activity has been broken by the introduction of the National Lottery and the sale of tickets from ordinary retail outlets. Dr Moran says in a letter to be published in tomorrow's issue of the British Medical Journal. Small regular pay-outs and huge publicity for the big winners reinforced the

for the future. My experience is could be seeing addiction



Hands on: More than 60 per cent of children aged 10-15 have evaded legal restrictions and bought lottery tickets

only other form of gambling that is allowed outside licensed premises - as children are now presenting io their twenties with serious gambling problems. We are paying the price for that. The same danger applies to the lottery."

Dr Moran added: 'Addiction tends to develop over months or years and is driveo by habit. The lottery is only a year old. "We are storing up problems In another year or two, we

scratch cards, with their promise of immediate riches, were a greater risk than the weckly draw for children because they provided a "quick fix". These had many of the features of "hard gaming, with large jackpots and 'heart stoppers' giving the illusion that the person has

almost won a big prize".

A total of 187 children at a school took part in the survey, carried out by Dr Moran, a conplayed fruit machines - the Dr Moran said that instant lands Priory Hospital, north

Londoo. It found that 114 (61 per cent) had bought tickets. Dr Moran also points out in his letter to the BMJ that a survey earlier this year found that the weekly draw was the second most popular television programme among children aged

10 to 15. Another survey has suggest ed that the prohibition on sales mixed-sex comprehensive of tickets and cards to childreo is unenforceable, with 62 per cent of outlets reported to sell

ability and promotion of gambling facilities are important in the causation of pathological gambling. Before the introduction of the National Lottery, public policy under successive governments, including the pre-

sent one, allowed gambling only to the extent needed to meet unstimulated demand. However, the lottery has been has involved children.

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# Teenagers who forget age limits for an instant

CLARE GARNER

Under-age schoolchildren at London's Parliament Hill School regularly stake at least half their weekly pocket money on the National Lottery, it was claimed yesterday.

Thirteen-year-olds at the all girls school in north-west London pass themselves off as 16year-olds to shopkeepers if challenged about their age. None of them have been told to produce ID, they claim.

They do ask my age at sweet shops but I just lie and they give it to me because they want the money, said one 13-year-old who on average spends half of her £10 pocket money on the lottery.

And would she consider herself addicted to the lottery? "No way Jose," she said, "It's just a bit of fun, isn't it?"

Another 13-year-old at the school said: "I think it's great because you get the chance to win lots of money for just £1." Some weeks she spends all of ber £10 pocket money on the lottery.

Getting her hands on the tickets is not a problem. "I just ask shopkeepers and they let me buy them. I keep saying that my mum is outside the shop but she never is," she said.

Others ask their parents to buy the tickets for them. For one girl, also 13, it is her father's frequent winning that convinces her that the lottery is a profitable business. "I buy a scratch card each week and my dad gets me a lottery ticket. I've never won but my dad always wins

Ever since it began, the lottery has been a topic of conversation at the school, although losing is something to keep quiet about, the girls said. "If you win you talk about it, but if you don't, you shut up," ex-

plained one girl. It is a subject which divides the class. One 14-year-old girl from the same year as the others takes a firm stand against the lottery. "I don't bother wasting my time and money on it. My parents don't agree with it either. Our class is split into people who do and people who don't play it.'

Two shops within 200 yards of Parliament Hill School sell lottery tickets. Both are conscious of the need to prevent

under-age sales. Harish Patel, 28, a partner at Twin Peaks supermarket which sells lottery tickets and Instants, said: "If there is any doubt, we ask for proof that they are 16. We don't accept national insurance cards because there is no photo." He said parents were the real problem. "You get parents coming in with their kids and the kids scratch off the cards

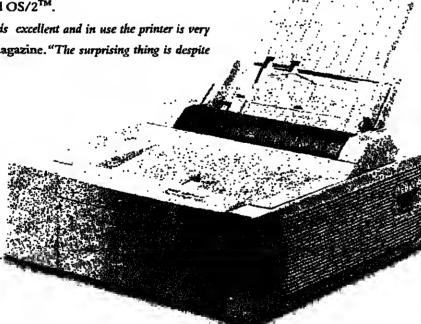
in the shop," he said. Anil Patel, 40, manager of Parliament Hill News, which ooly sells Lukey Lotto cards finds it necessary to challenge a couple of children a week. Ninety nine per cent of the kids know exactly that they are not going to get served lottery tickets, eigarettes, or anything else like that in this shop."

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The Government put a brave face yesterday on the underpowered launch of its pilot scheme for nursery-school vouchers, as Labour seized on its admission that parents with vouchers would not be guaran-

teed a school place.

Robin Squire, the education minister, admitted to "sadness" that only three local councils were committed to the scheme. But he said: "My disappointment is nothing compared to the parents of four-year-olds who next year will not have nursery provision but who could have ... if their local authority had de-cided to participate."

He blamed "party political in-fluence" for the refusal of Labour councils to take part in the pilot first year of the scheme. After this year's local elections, only a handful of cducation authorities are Conservative-controlled and three

them. Westminster. Wandsworth, and Kensington and Chelsea, all in London, have agreed to take part. Labour and Liberal Democrajcontrolled Norfolk County Council has also agreed "in

principle", but is arguing about whether it is allowed to borrow

against future voucher income. The four boroughs are estimated to contain 3 per cent of

the 150,000 four-year-olds presently not at nursery school fewer than one-third of the Government's original target of 10 per cent for its pilot. Vouchers worth £1,100 each

will be delivered to the parents of an estimated 15,600 fouryear-olds within three months, Mr Squire announced yester-day. About 4.500 of them will go to children who do not presently have a nursery place.

Estelle Morris, Labour education spokeswoman, drew attention to the small print of a briefing note issued by the Department for Education which says there is "no east-iron guarantee of a place, at least in the first instance, until new places are introduced in response to parent demand",

She contrasted this with the Prime Minister's speech to the Conservative conference 1994, when he gave a "cast-iron commitment" - although he did not say when. Ms Morris said the seheme was "unravelling at the

scams'

that the scheme will be extended to all four-year-olds in 1997, with parents expected to received their vouchers before the last date for the general election in May that year.

When fully in operation, the scheme would cost more than £700m to run - £165m in new money and the rest clawed back from local authorities The administration of the full scheme is expected to cost £20m. Officials said the cost of the first phase in the four local authorities would be £22m -£5m of which would be spent on

inspection and administration Ms Morris said £5m "could provide 8,000 extra part-time nursery places for three yearolds". She added: "There is no new money for capital spending or leacher training."

Mr Squire also announced that Capita Managed Services had won the contract to administer the first phase of the scheme. But he refused to give the value of the contract, claiming the information was commercially sensitive.

And there was no figure available either for the cost of a publicity campaign which will operate in the four areas where But Mr Squire confirmed the scheme is to go ahead.

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### Water under the bridge: Philip Agee, back in Britain after being banned for 17 years, at the Commons yesterday Ex-CIA man urges surveillance of racists

The former CIA officer, Philip Agee, yesterday called on a future Labour home secretary to use the security and intelligence services to combat racism and neo-fascist groups in

Britain, writes Colin Brown. Mr Agee, who was expelled from Britain by the then Labour government in 1977 after pressure from the US Nixon gov-emment, said MI6 and MI5

should "go for skinheads, football hooligans as well as the traditional targets of narcotics and lerrorism'

Mr Agee became a hero of the left in the 1970s after publishing details of CIA subversion operations. He was allowed to work on his book under the Heath government, but alleges Merlyn Rees, then home sec-retary, and James Callaghan, pressure by Henry Kissinger, the US Secretary of State.

Mr Agee was told out of the blue" in August that the banning order preventing him from visiting Britain had been lifted af-Howard, the Home Sccretary.

ter 17 years by Michael Mr Agee, hosted by Tribune, the

the ban. "Could it be partly he thinks this might stir up trouble in the Opposition party?" Mr Dalyell asked. The MP said he had invited Lord Rees to the meeting at the Commons with paper of the Labour left which

the prime minister, acted after retary why he had decided to lift his nostrils," Mr Dalyell said. Mr Agec was once described as the "the most dangerous man in Britain", but the Home Secretary appears to have de-cided that after 17 years, his secrets no longer carry a threat. However, Mr Agee said that the banning order may have been Tam Dalyell, the veteran campaigned against his expullified hecause Conservative sion. "I can only say that the would be asking the Home Seclifted hecause Conservative

# Major at bay as Commons senses defeat over Nolan

Tohn Major was forced on to the defensive at Question Time yesterday as Labour berated him for going hack on his word and refusing to back full disclosure of MPs carnings.

Though the Prime Minister argued that a ban on paid advocacy went beyond Lord Nolan's recommendations, it made little impact on a House that senses he is heading for defeat on the issue next Monday.

After a succession of Question Times in which Mr Major has dominated the exchanges, the determination of his backbenchers to keep secret their earnings from consultancies has handed the initiative to

Opening the exchanges, Angela Eagle, MP for Wallasey, in the newspapers, Mr Major asked why, if disclosure of earnings was so unimportant, up to 100 Tory MPs were threatening

Inside Parliament Stephen

Goodwin

to resign if they were forced to share that information with their constituencies.

emphasised that he had set up the committee on standards in public life because he believed that there was a problem that needed to be looked at dispas-

The [Tory-controlled] select committee that considered Lord Nolan's report had actually good further by calling for a ban on MPs acting as paid advocates, he said. But Tony Blair asked why

having set up the Nolan committee and having agreed to implement its report, Mr Major and other ministers were going to vote against its key recom-

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est requirement that MPs who have outside financial interests connected with their heing MPs should disclose the amount of money they earn from them. Just what do he and his party have to hide?" Mr Major said he had made

clear throughout that he supported the "hroad thrust" of Lord Nulan's recommendations. Nolan had made 55 recommendations, 45 of the them were to the Government, almost all of which had been implemented. Of the 10 addressed to MPs, the select committee had accepted nine and gone further than Nolan on the 10th.

the Prime Minister insisted, not be removed until this rot- statements on their behalf as he "But if we do that, the income that MPs carn from other activities, explicitly approved by Parliament, seems to me to be a matter between them an the Inland Revenue inspectors."

Roared on by his hack-benchers, the Labour leader said: "This is nothing to do with some detailed consideration of their interests. It's to do with the squalid, monied interests of the Conservative Party.
"That was their key recom-

mendation and if now, in weakness, Mr Major goes back on his word to implement the report he commissioned, it will leave The most important thing a stain on his prime ministership roment that wi

ten administration is swept from office."

Hitting back at what he called "short-term, party political rant", Mr Major said it was a "shame" the Labour leader could not understand that disclosure was a very serious matter for Parliament with very

long-term implications. "I do not favour a wholly professional House staffed entirely by honourable members who are professional politicians and nothing else. That is the route that Mr Blair and his party would wish to lead us down. He would then, no doubt, have his party thought police telling did last week." Rising to the despatch box for

a third time, Mr Blair pointed out that Nolan was not stopping people having outside interesis. "It simply says we should be open and honest about them.
"Mr Major is a man saying today what he knows to be wrong.

And the question for him is: wheo is he going to have the courage to stand up to his party and tell them what is right?" Tom King, the former defence secretary and a member of Nolan committee, came to

Mr Major's aid, lauding the advocacy ban as going to the heart of the issue of public

But the backbenchers who want to keep their earnings secret remained silent. Other Tory questioners steered well clear, with congratulatory dollies on the lottery and GP fund-holders and a hlast at the

judiciary over the Rev Sun

Myung Moon. Labour allowed no let up. 'No one would accuse the Prime Minister of being a professional politician," taunted Tony Banks, while Gerry Sutcliffe left Mr Major floundering on the basic issue. Wasn't it true. asked the Bradford South MP. thar if MPs act as consultants the public have a right to know whether they earn £50 or

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# French police arrest key Paris terrorists

MARY DEJEVSKY

The French Interior Ministry vesterday claimed a major hreakthrough after police arrested an Algerian, said to have helped to "command and attacks in France, and three

pronged operation carried out in districts of Paris, Lille and Lvons between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. The arrests appear to link all the bomb attacks in the Paris and Lyons areas since July, and mark the first significant development in the case since a prime suspect. Khaled Kelkal, was shot dead by police near Lyons in September.

The anti-terrorist department, internal security forces and the intelligence services were all involved in yesterday's

police on "pre-empting an imminent criminal act which would have been especially murderous, because it was intended for one of Lille's higgest and most crowded markets.

According to Mr Dehré, all the components needed to others allegedly preparing to make a large bomb had been plant a bomb in the northern found at the home of Omar found at the home of Omar Allaoui, at Villeneuve-d'Ascq. The men were among 10 near Lille. They included "a people detained in a three-13kg gas cylinder, explosives. nails, bolts, a fuse and a timing device, which were in every respect identical to those discovered at the scene of some

Naming the Algerian arrestcd in Paris as Boualem Bensaid, Mr Debré said the 28-year-old had played "an active role in the command and co-ordination" of the networks responsible for the terrorist attacks attributed to the GIA (the Armed Islamic Group). The GIA, believed to be a loose alliance of fundamentalist groups which accuses France of trying to shore up

Louis Debré, congratulated the Algeria, made known its involvement last month through an Islamic newsletter.

Mr Debré claimed Mr Bensaid was on the point of giving the order for the Lille attack, adding: "He appears to be one of the pivots of this criminal enterprise ... and had connections with the Lyons group gathered around Kelkal and Koussa." Karim Koussa, who is recovering in hospital from injuries sustained in a shoot-out with police six weeks ago, has recently been extensively questioned by investigators.

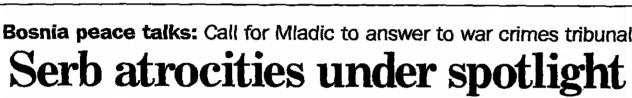
Among the others named were 25-year-old Naserdine Slimani, who was one of two people picked up in Vieux-en-Velin, near Lyons, the town where Kelkal lived, and Ali Ben Fatoum, who was detained in Lille and subsequently described by interior ministry sources as "a hig catch".

Yesterday's arrests came in the nick of time for the French police and the Interior Ministry, which have faced mounting

halt the bomh attacks despite the two-month-old national security alert, named Vigipirate. Recent media comment has called into question both the cost and the usefulness of the exercise, which has put troops on the streets and alienated sections of the young immigrant population with frequent dentity checks.

Yesterday, after several uncommunicative weeks, the Interior Ministry was only too happy to speak about what it felt was a finely targeted and highly successful operation. As if swering his critics, Mr Debré pointedly singled out "the minute attention to detail, patience, professionalism and great secrecy" which, he said, had been "the prerequisites for

However, learning from his gaffe after Kelkal's death, when he had predicted the end of the attacks, he called for prudence and continued vigilance. "The threat remains," he said,



RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

Bosnian Serb atrocities moved quickly to the centre stage of the Bosnian peace talks yesterday, as both the Secretary of Stare, Warren Christopher, and Bosnia's President, Alija Izetbegovic, in effect demanded the departure of the two main Bosnian Serb leaders, both indicted for war crimes by an international tribunal.

As he left the Wright-Patterson Air Force hase at Dayton, Ohio, where a news blackout has been in effect since the plenary opening session on Wednesday, Mr Christopher said Nato was unlikely to agree to police any settlement which left in place the Bosnian Serh political leader, bia, along with representatives Rudovan Karadzic, and the rop of the live-nation Contact military commander, General Group, attempt to strike a deal

considered to hold prime responsibility for "ethnic cleansing" and massacres of Bosnian Muslim civilians, most notably after the fall of the Srehrenica "safe area" last summer and now around Banja Luka and

Mr Izethegovic was said on Wednesday to have told the Serbian President, Slobodan Milosevic, who speaks for the Bosnian Serb leadership at the peace conference, that Mr Karadzic and General Mladic must be handed over to the UN war crimes tribunal in The

These first indications give a clue to how difficult will he the negotiations ahead, as the leaders of Bosnia, Croatia and Serof the five-nation Contact

Ratko Mladic. The two men are to end the bloodiest and most a symbolic agreement between destructive, war in Europe since 1945. Despite a "good start" to the discussions, "vast differ-ences" remained, Mr Christopher said

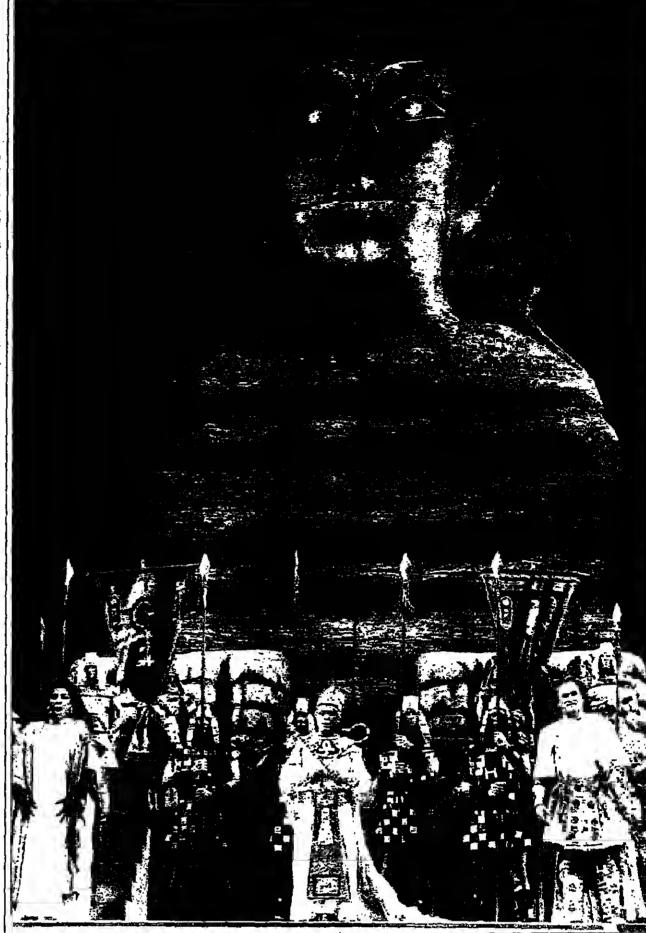
Among the thorniest issues to be resolved are the future constitution of Bosnia, enshrining "two entities" in a single state, the status of Sarajevo, arrangements for elections that the US wants held within six to nine months of the war's end, and a map detailing the envisaged 51-49 split of the country between the Muslim-Croat fedcration and the Bosnian Serbs.

All are dealt with in a draft settlement presented by the Contact Group. But, said Richard Holbrooke, the chief US negotiator, just before the talks began, "I don't expect a single page to last 48 hours."
The only encouragement was

President Milosevic and his Croat opposite number, Franjo Tudjman, to resolve the dispute over Eastern Slavonia, the one sliver of Croatian territory still in the hands of rebel Serbs, But the extent of the understanding was unclear, and President Tudjman was due to leave for Zagreb last night.

The Senate Republican

leader, Bob Dole, said the fate of an American journalist missing in Bosnia sbould he raised at the talks in Dayton, David Rohde, a correspondent with the Christian Science Monitor. went missing on Sunday in Bosnian Serb territory. Clayton Jones, the newspaper's international news editor, said vesterday that the Monuor had been told by the United Nations that Mr Robde was alive and being held by the Bosnian Serbs.



Fascinating Aida: Singers rehearsing Verdi's opera, which opened in Berlin last night Photograph: Lutz Schmidt/Reuter

# Rifkind soothes Russian fears over expanded Nato



Rifkind: Understanding

Diplomatic Editor

The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, has made a notably conciliatory reference to Russia in a major foreign policy speech, saying that Russian concern over the enlargement of Nato must be assuaged and that expansion itself must be

more fully considered.

Mr Rifkind said the alliance should display understanding for Russian preoccupations. and should huild up a broader relationship with Moscow. We must show understanding and the spectre of encirclement

abroad, for instance, for the perception, mistaken though it may be, of exclusion and en-circlement, the Foreign Secretary said, in a speech prepared for delivery last night.

His remarks will be interpreted as a cautious reaction to the illness of President Boris Yeltsin and a reflection of worries in the West that Russian extremists could come to the fore in parliamentary elections next month. The rights of ethnic Russians in former Soviet republics

structed Communists opposed to Mr Yeltsin and to his Foreign Minister, Andrei Kozyrev.

Mr Rifkind emphasised that Nato was committed to extending its membership to the new democracies of Eastern Europe. "But the impact of expansion must be more fully considered", he said. There would be enormous financial and strategic implications, be added, and new members had to be aware of the military obligations inherent in a common defence guarantee.

for Russian concerns, for the rights of 25 million Russians and unrecon- race for accepting into Nato "It is an assumption that I comcountries those who seek the reassurance it provides and who are ready to accept the ohliga-tions involved," Mr Rifkind said. "It does indicate that a

wider strategy is needed." The Foreign Secretary also argued for strengthening security ties with the United States. He said Britain had to look both to the US and to Europe for the preservation of its vital interests. "It is often assumed that there is a conflict between our European and Atlantic interests,

"It is an assumption that I com-pletcly reject." Mr Rifkind said defence co-

operation could not be put under the auspices of the European Union, but should stay within the houndaries of Nato and the Western European Union. He detected no contradiction between enthusiasm for Nato and a commitment to Europe. "In advocating a strengthened transatlantic identity. I must emphasise that this will not be at the expense of our participation in the Euthat Britain must choose where ropean Union," he said.

#### US troops could be haned over

Seoul - The United States agreed to study whether American troops accused of serious crimes in South Korea should be handed over to Korean authorities for questioning before they are indicted, after a rape case in Japan. The US Defence Secretary, William Perry, opened two days of annual security talks with South Korean leaders also warning North Korea that thousands of US troops remained ready to help defend the South in any new war. But the issue of legal jurisdiction over those troops took the spotlight after the alleged rape of a 12-year-old girl by three US servicemen on Okinawa in September. He stressed that the rights of US personnel would be paramount in consideration of any soft-ening of very strict protection of US troops overseas. Reuter

#### Former Colombian president killed

Bogota - Alvaro Gomez Hurtado. 76, a former Colombian presidential candidate, ambassador to Washington and outspoken critic of the government, was killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen. Radio news hulletins said two assailants shot Mr Gomez near the entrance of Sergio Arboleda University.

#### More massacres in Burundi

Bujumbura — Aid workers in Burundi said they counted 103 fresh graves at a massacre site and the nation's capital was rocked overnight by heavy gunfire and grenade blasts. Security sources said at least four people died in the overnight flare-up. State radio reported at least 42 killed in a refugee camp in the northern province of Kayanza on Wednesday.

#### Andreotti stands up for himself Perugia --- Former ttalian prime minister Giulio Andreotti de-

fended himself before a judge who was deciding whether to indict him for complicity in the murder of a journalist in 1979. He is accused of complicity in the shooting of Mino Pecorelli, outside the Rome offices of *Ope* magazine, that was about to publish an article on Christian Democratics financing. *Reuter* Abortion doctors face prison terms

### Washington — The House of Representatives voted to impose

a two-year prison term for doctors who perform certain late-term abortions - the first time Congress has moved to outlaw a spebill hanning so-called partial hirth abortions, a rare procedure in which a foetus is partly delivered feet-first, scissors inserted in the base of the skull and the brains suctioned out while the based is still in the hirth const head is still in the hirth canal.

#### Ninteen hanged in South Korea

Seoul - Nineteen convicted felons on Death Row were hanged, the Justice Ministry said. The executions - in Seoul, Pusan, Taegu and Kwangju - were the first since 15 prisoners were put to death 13 months ago. It was the largest-scale execution held by the ministry. Forty-three inmates remain on death row.

#### Russian cosmonauts find leak Moscow — Three cosmonauts on board Russia's orbiting Mir sta-

tion have discovered a leak in the main cooling system and have switched to a back-up system, space officials said on Thursday. In theory the consequences of the leak could lead to an increase of temperature inside the station, though the reserve system was working normally.

#### Gunmen kill migrant workers

Karachi — Gunmen killed 15 migrant workers here on Thursday in a mass killing that police said could be revenge for the deaths of three militants of the ethnic Mohajir National Movement (MQM). Police said 16 workers, all apparently from the central province of Punjah, were rounded up overnight in the Gulberg

#### Clowns burn their costumes

Tegucigalpa. Honduras - More than 60 clowns burned their costumes in a park to protest the kidnapping of children by armed men dressed as clowns. Armed men in clown suns stole 10 children from the country of the coun dren from the arms of their mothers in the past week here and in San Pedro Sula, police say, Police say an average of one child a day has been abducted in the last month.

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Yeltsin's health better, political future critical

RICHARD BALMFORTH

Moscow - The Kremlin said yesterday that President Boris Yesterday that President Boris Yestsin was feeling better in hospital, while his political foes

began campaigning for Russia's parliamentary election on 17 Mr. Yeltsin, 64, was taken to hospital a week ago after suf-faring his second mild heart at-

sharpened their knives as they

fack in four months.
"He is better, of course," a presidential spokesman said by telephone. "Medical treatment bears fruit. The statement bore a marked contrast to a cautious assessment by the top presidential adviser Viktor Hyushin on Wednesday, who said after a brief meeting with Mr Yeltsin: "I cannot say that he looks well." Yesterday, after visiting Mr Yeltsin again, Mr Ilyushin said: "Things are gelting better because the Presi-

dent has started getting into Mr Ilyushin, a loyal Yeltsin lieutenant, said on Wednesday that the President himself realised that his second mild

heart attack in less than four months was "no joking matter". Yeltsin aides were reported vesterday to be working hard to ensure the Kremlin leader's re-election next June, though Mr Yeltsin has yet to say if he is a candidate. Their current efforts suggest his Kremlin associates believe the President's heart illness will not rule him out of the race, according to a

group of political analysts. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace quoted a source close to the chick Yeltsin bodyguard, General the administration was working 'full steam ahead' on Mr icitsin's campaign for the June

presidential poll. Media and television cameras have been kept well away from Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital. With political tension high among myriad parties in the run-up to the December election, aides have been care-

ful to say he is in command. But Mr Ilyushin's Wednesday meeting with Mr Yeltsin was restricted to 10 minutes, strongly suggesting there was a limit

to his grip on day-to-day events. Up to now most of Mr Yeltsin's many opponents have refrained from trying to ex-ploit his illness for fear of such ploy back-firing. But as political parties began the first formal day of campaigning vesterday, with the first snow of winter swirling in Moscow, Mr Yeltsin's powerful Communist

focs look the gloves off. The Communist Party leader, Gennady Zyuganov, took a swipe at the hed-ridden leader for his eccentric behaviour. Listing events on Mr Yeltsin's heavily-charged programme beforc he was taken ill, Mr Zyuganov referred to him "paying attention to a secretary an allusion to an incident when he "tweaked" a Kremlin secretary in the back at the start of a news conference. Mr Zyuganov suggested Mr Yeltsin's illness had highlighted the weakness of the presidential system in which the State Duma

has been largely sidelined as a decision-making body. "We must strictly follow the law, strengthen all bodies of power . . . because the country cannot be hostage to the state of health and behaviour of ooe



Mandela's foe: Magnus Malan, left, leaving court yesterday with

## Photograph: Mike Hutchings/Reuter Proud defender of apartheid on trial for murder

ROBERT BLOCK Johannesburg

Dressed in sober suits, 11 retired officers representing the cream of old South Africa's military establishment were yesterday arrested, brought before a judge and charged with 13 apartheid era murders. They were granted bail and told to appear in Dur-ban's regional court again on

1 December. Never before had such a distinguished group of high-ranking military men had to face official charges for crimes committed during the years of white minority rule. Among the ac-cused were five geoerals and an admiral, but only one of them could really lay claim to star status: Geoeral Magnus Malan, a former defence chief who served as defence minister during the last violent decade of apartheid, from 1980 to 1991. It is a fact of which he is still proud.

After being released on bail, Geoeral Malan said yesterday: "What happeoed here today is causing the biggest crisis that's ever been in the democracy of South Africa. I would like to say I am a moderate ... I am a democrat ... I am a Christian and

I'm very proud of it." The statement, like the general's history, is controversial. Throughout his ministerial tenure, General Malao was an outspoken foe of President Nelson Mandela's African Nation-

As defence chief in the 1970s al Congress he came into close contact with P W Botha, theo defence minister, a post he would later relinquish to General Malan when he became president. General Malan once said Mr Botha had had a great influence on him and their views on politics and military strategy coincided. In both posts General Malan

articulated the "total onslaught" theory, which was used to juslify the expansion and ruthless tactics adopted by the South African military in its war against the black liberation movement. According to this argument, the Communist world, working through the ANC and its allies, was bent on a "total onslaught" against South Africa and that in response the country had to adapt a "total national strategy" to combat it.

During his final days at the Defence Ministry, General Malan repeatedly fended off charges that for years undercover army units had stoked black factionfighting and killed government opponents. In 1990 he admitted the existence of a shadowy antiguerrilla unit, but denied order-

ing its members to kill. When FW de Klerk and his fellow apartheid reformists took over from Mr Botha, General Malan was demoted. He resigned from Mr de Klerk's cab-

inet in 1993. The case against General Malan and the others focuses on their alleged role in setting up a paramilitary force for Inkatha. the hlack rival organisation of the ANC. The charges relate to a hit squad attack on the home of Willie Ntuli at KwaMakhuta, near Durban, on 21 January 1987. Thirteen people, including seven children, were killed in the attack, which was appar-

ently aimed at Ntuli's son, a local youth activist. Central to the case is General Malan's connection with special training camps set up in the mid-1980s in Namibia's Caprivi Strip. The camps were ostensibly to train bodyguards for Zulu politicians. However, it is alleged that the Caprivi was really a training ground for lnkatha paramilitary cadres, specialising in assass nation and sabotage.

ourt to reverse the decision. With Mr Yeltsin's advisers having only limited access to him, Russian commentators are asking who is really running the country. Speculation has focused on General Korzhakov, who appears to wield influence beyond his formal role, and could use access to Mr Yeltsin in hospital for political ends.

The Communists were one of

35 parties officially registered on Wednesday night. The Central

Electoral Commission has barred the main reform party.

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# Jihad bombers killed in failed revenge attacks

and PATRICK COCKBURN

Jerusalem \*He was wearing a hlack sweater and I could see a harrel in the hack seat of the car". said 14-year-old Munir Abu Eid describing the last moments of a Palestinian suicide bomber who died yesterday morning as he tried to ram an Israeli bus in

the Gaza strip.
The barrel, which presumably contained explosives, tore apart the beige Fiat 124 but only smashed the glass windows of the bus, lightly wounding 11 Israelis, mostly of whom were child-care workers. "I heard the yelling of the settlers and the soldiers inside before the ambulances came", Munir said. Casualties were probably low because an Israeli military jeep hampered the Fiat's approach to the bus, according to an

in the south of the Gaza strip, comes six days after Fathi Shkaki. leader of the militant group Islamic Jihad, was assassinated in Malta. In an interview published in the Washington Post yesterday, the Israeli Health Minister, Ephraim Sneh, all but admitted his government was responsible. Members of Islamic Jihad, responsible in the past for suicide bomb attacks on avenge their leader's death.

second suicide homber died soon afterwards, as he tried to blow up an Israeli military convoy. But soldiers who had been expecting an attack halting 50 yards from where the car blew np. The southern Gaza strip, where there is a concentration of 15 Israeli settlements. has been the scene of suicide

Israeli and Palestinian lead-

casualties, but the attacks show Islamic Jihad is determined to prove it is still an effective force, despite Shkaki's death. Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, said they would press ahead with peace negotiations.

In the past, the most devastating suicide bombings have happened in Israel, when attackers strapped explosives to their bodies. Yesterday's attacks do not appear well planned, which may indicate that Islamic Jihad has been weakened by pressure from the Israeli and Palestinian Author-

Israeli forces have been on the alert since the assassination of Shkaki, and the hus which was attacked was escorted by loves me", said Moshe Danino, the driver, whose hair was scorched as the Fiat hit the front

The attack at Deir al-Ballah, bombers failed to inflict serious of his bus, which was carrying

workers to a settlement. Mr Danino said his bus had just entered the Gaza Strip "when a car in front of us started to drive slowly. They [the soldiers] told its driver to move aside, but he paid them no attention. When we got within 200 metres of a roadblock, I turned left to pass him and that is when he drove at me and blew himself up.

The attack underlines the vulnerability of the 5,000 Israeli settlers who have remained in the Gaza strip despite Palestinian opposition. The women on the hus commute daily from poor agricultural towns in southern Israel to the Gush Katif block of settlements, where many work in kinder-

gartens and nursery schools. There will almost certainly he another attack. Jihad will want to show it is not a one-man band that will wither and die



Valn sacrifice: Israeli bomb experts carrying away chunks of the suicide bomber's vehicle

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Dirty war: Fundamentalists held without trial are beaten, raped and denied medical help

# Egyptian Islamists die in 'terror' jail

ROBERT FISK

In a sinister new development in the Egyptian government's war against its Islamist opponents, at least 26 captured fundamentalists have mysteriously died in custody in just eight months, most of them in a grim new jail far ont in the Sahara

The deaths are described by Egyptian lawyers as a cam-paign of "terror" to eliminate Islamist suspects before they are even brought to trial. They follow consistent reports of the beating, starvation and rape of inmates in the Wadi al-Jadid prison complex 200 miles northwest of Assiut.

A lawyer who managed to visit the new jail two mouths ago has shown the Independent signed statements by four pris-oners who describe how their ellow immates, on arrival at the jail, were stripped and whipped with wire, ordered to assume female names and then either beaten or forced to perform homosexual acts with other prisoners as punishments for breaking jail rules.

"Many of the prisoners are starved, and when they have been beaten, they have not re-ceived medical treatment - and so they die," the lawyer said after insisting that the Independent did not publish his name.

Twenty of the prisoners who have died were in their 20s and 30s. Most of their families have received certificates stating that they died of "sharp circulatory and respiratory failure.
In the case of Mustafa Iraqi,

a 34-year-old Islamist lawyer, death in the Wadi al-Jadid prison was said to have been due to a "chest disease", but a fellow prisoner, Ahdulla Ali Ahmed, testified that Iraqi had been tortured by security guards in the jail, and that wounds to his chest were deliberately left untreated. Police at the graveside at Iraqi's burial prevented any examination of the body. When families have been al-

lowed to see prisoners' bodies, they have almost invariably no-ticed that the dead man suffered severe weight loss. Other pris-oners were said by the author-ities to have died of "acute kidney failure" (Mohamed Ali Ahmed, 35), "acute pneumonia" (Ahmed Abd el-Maksoud, 28) or tuherculosis (Ayman Khalifa Haji, 27).

More typical was the case of 26-year-old Ali Mahmoud al-Reffie, who died in Wadi al-Jadid prison on 24 June, less than six months after his arrest. His family were summoned to receive his corpse at midnight and ordered by the police to bury it immediately. Security men stood by as Reffie's

Death in custody: Mustafa Iraqi 's wounds went untreated

remains were lowered into his hoth sides. They are stripped grave an hour later under police are lamps. He had died, they said, of "sharp circulatory and respiratory failure", although no death certificate was issued. Hafez abu Sada, the execu-

tive chairman of the Egyptian Organisation of Human Rights, which has catalogued many of the deaths and complained in vain to the Egyptian Minister of the Interior, helicves the deliberate mistreatment of the prisoners and their incarceration in the new jail, far from their homes, is part of a systematic punishment. "These men have not heen tried — some of them have been held since 1989 - and we cannot even get a reply from the Interior Ministry when we demand an explanation for all these deaths," he said.

The lawyer who demanded anonymity was less diplomatic. The government is using this prison to dehumanise and shame these men. That is why they are given female names do you know how insulting that is for a Muslim? - and that is why, if a guard is angry with a prisoner, he will order another inmate to rape him, right there in the cell. This happens

The same lawyer described how new arrivals at Wadi al-Jadid, in which around 3,500 Islamists are now being held, were taken 10 at a time from covered lorries and ordered to crawl through the main gate. "They are then forced to crawl down a 45ft corridor, all the while being beaten by guards on

and kicked by a man who gives each of them a woman's name. They must use this name all the time in the prison. They can wear only their underclothes for a week and then they are given a yellow prison uniform. There

is no doctor, no prison bospital." Reports of prisoners being forced to rape each other as punishment by guards have also emerged from the Wadi Natroun jail, near the desert road between Cairo and Alexandria, Here, too, inmates are forced to assume female names. "When he is first given the name, he must keep repeating it, shouting it out loud until he reaches the door of his cell," the lawyer said. "He and the other men then have to remain naked in the cell for two

Lawyers have been hampered in their efforts to visit clients in the jail by the refusal of prison officials to give their real names - for fear that their families could be murdered by members of the Islamic Jihad, whose savage war against President Hosni Muharak's government has now cost the lives of at least 820 Egyptians.

Family members are also orced to wait for hours beneath the desert sun at both Wadi al-Jadid and Wadi Natroun to see their relatives, often being refused the statutory sevenminute visit because, according to lawyers, the official signatures on their visitors' passes are illegihle".

Dr Ossama el Baz, Mr Muharak's political affairs diector, met Egyptian human rights groups for the first time in August to hear their complaints, and agreed to study their reports. Since then, there have been at least seven more deaths





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# Washington awaits the 'Rockefeller Republican'

RUPERT CORNWELL

Even before Colin Powell has amounced whether he will seek the 1996 Republican nomination the very ootion of his candidacy is reopening old fissure lines in the party, and generating a rebellion from many conservatives without precedent for two decades.

Pro-choice on abortion, a supporter of affirmative action and gun control, General Powell was never going to be a poster boy for the "social con-servative" wing of the Republican right. But yesterday brought the most powerful coordinated protest yet, as luminaries of the ideological right summoned a press conference to denonnce the most popular public figure in American life as Clinton Democrat hiding behind a row of medal ribbons.

The individuals themselves, including Gary Bauer of the Family Research Council and Paul Weyrich, head of the Free Congress Foundation, are scarcely household names in the country at large. Their very presence on the podium, though, offers a foretaste of the vitriol that General Powell can expect to face should he take the presidential plunge.

That is the riddle which consumes Washington, and one he has promised to answer perhaps as early as next weekend, in any contest completely.

case by Thanksgiving - 23 November. In the meantime the contest for the nomination has been frozen, with Senator Bob Dole far ahead and his nine rivals, for all their efforts, next to nowhere.

The one small splash of late has been made by the businessman Malenim "Steve" Forbes, whose saturation TV ad campaign promoting a flat tax has pushed him into second or third place in New Hampshire, where the crucial first primary takes place next February. But

fallacy what had once been an axiom of Republican presidential politics; that, in the primaty season at least, wee betide the candidate who did not pander to the religious, anti-abortion and pro-family right, said to dominate the nominating process. In fact, General Powell would be the first choice of one in three likely primary voters, a New York Times/CBS poll

found this week. Contrary to the

received wisdom, his pro-choice

views are not anathema to the Already he has exposed as a fallacy what had once been an axiom of Republican politics on abortion

the rest of the field, even the heavy-spending Senator Phil Gramm and the stridently rightwing Pat Buchanan, are simply treading water as the world waits for the Powell word.

Should he enter the race, polls suggest he would jump into a virtual dead heat with Senator Dole among likely Republican primary voters, but with a far better chance of defeating President Clinton in the presidential election, Moreover, General Powell as candidate would, most analysts say, drive at least half the field out of the

party faithful, Only one in five Republicans would pay beed to calls from conservative Christian leaders to boycott candidates who do not oppose abortion

Faced with these home truths, the Republican right has split, A faction led by vesterday's speakers and Mr Buchanan warns that a Republican convention would never swallow General Powell's liberal social views, Indeed Mr Buchanan hints that if the party's platform endorsed them he would walk out and perhaps an independent

Already he has exposed as a candidacy - which could siphon off enough Republican votes to re-elect Mr Clinton.

Not perhaps since 1976, when conservatives forced President Gerald Ford to drop the liberal Nelson Rockefeller as his running-mate, have such mutinous feelings been stirred on the right. And a "Rockefeller Republican" is how General Powell has described himself.

Other conservatives speak warmly of him - among them the former Reagan and Bush Cahinet members Bill Bennett and Jack Kemp, and William Kristol, once chief of staff for Dan Quayle and architect of the former vice-president's "family values" campaign, but now ardently campaigning in the Weekly Standard, his new conservative magazine. Why, they argue, throw away a real chance of the White House for a likely loser in Bob Dole?

That calculation too has produced uncharacteristic caution from the most celebrated conservative of them all ~ Speaker Newt Gingrich, Mr Ginerich faces an awkward choice. A Powell victory would put into the White House a man less than wholly enamoured of the Speaker's "Republican Revolution". But if Mr Gingrich runs (which he has not ruled out) he would have to give up his present joh, while every poll shows he would be trounced by Mr Clinton.



Presidential leanings: Colin Powell will announce his candidacy decision by 23 November Photograph; Glynn Griffiths

# Lawyers open fire on Italian army's fiddles

ANDREW GUMBEL

"The Italian fighting man is probably second to all," says the cynical 107-year-old man in Joseph Heiler's Catch-22. Italy's armed forces have never been held in particularly high esteem, and now, thanks to the latest efforts of the country's indefatigable anti-corruptioo ingrate for a bribe to avoid conmagistrates, one begins to understand why.

So busy are the troops inventing schemes to rip off the stale, it seems, that they have no time to get into shape to fight.

Over the past week, magis-trates across the country have uncovered thousands of cases of grossly inflated expenses claims, a system of bribery to relieve reluctant young men of their national service, and myriad kinds of corruption, forgery and embezzlement reaching right up the ladder to colonels and generals.

One has to admire the military for their ingenuity, at least. One group of officers in charge of procuring uniforms sub-contracted the job to China at a teoth of the going rate in Italy and pockeled the difference.

Another individual officer claimed back the cost of moving more than four tons of equipment and personal effects for a routine trip to a mil-itary base for which he took no more than a toothbrush and a

personnel under investigation. And, thanks to the remarkable willingness of suspects to spill the beans on their friends in exchange for lenient treatment in the courts, there could be much more to come.

coming out daily. This is just the beginning," says the prosecutor Sergio Dini, initiator of the biggest single investigation, in

One favourite tactic has been to triple or quadruple the weight of personal effects of soldiers sent on foreign postings, and then share the profits with the moving company. The goscription, willingly accepted by some officers, is between 20m and 30m lire (£8,000-£12,000). And then there are the indi-

vidual cases, such as the admiral accused of abusing the full resources of the Venice arsenal to throw a wedding banquel for his daughter, or the curator of the military museum at the Castel Sant'Angelo in Rome who allegedly pocketed 1bn lire by faking bills for exhibitions that oever took place, projects that never got off the ground and non-existent loans to other museums.

The magistrates estimate that 18bn lire (about £6m) disappeared between 1988 and 1991 alone. The final figure is ex-pected to run into tens of hillions of lire. The revelations come as little surprise to the millions of Italian men who have served their mandatory 12month stint in military service, but they are doing unfold damage to the already shaky repu-

tation of the armed forces. The top brass was already highly embar, assed a few years ago, when it emerged that it had established a secret army called Gladio at the height of the Cold War to overthrow the Communists if they ever took power in Italy. Now it appears that the chief activity of Gladio officers was to meet in luxury hotels in holiday resorts at the expense of the taxpayer.

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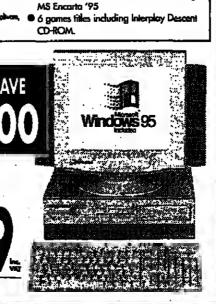
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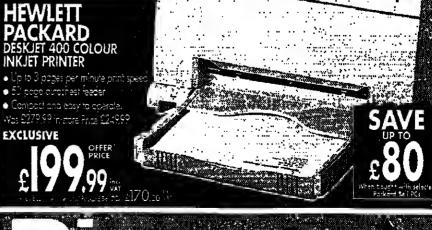
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# Police shoot bus hijacker dead

Miami Beach, Florida (AP) — A hijacker angry with tax col-lectors commandeered a school bus yesterday with 11 disabled children and two adults oo board, taking them on a harrowing ride before police shot him dead.

About an hour after the bijacking began, police tried to negotiate with the hijacker. When that failed, they fired at least three shots at him, according to

a police spokesman. The authorities were uocertain whether the suspect was shot on the bus or as he was gelting off il in front of a restaurani in Miami Beach.

Television showed police swaming around the front door of the bus and then dragging the Two restaurant workers said SUSDECT away. the hijacker had worked as a

waiter at the restaurant but left on Wednesday night apparent ly because of the tax dispute. The hijacker told police he had a bomb and threatened to hlow up the bus Police said they found afterwards that the

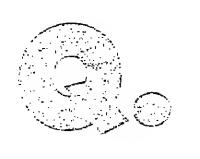
device strapped to the man's body was not a bomb.

The Dade County schools superintendent, Octavio Visiedo, said 11 pupils were on the bus, with the bus driver and an aide. The school bus was on the way to Blue Lakes Elementary School in Miami when it was commandeered in south-west

Dade County. Police then surrounded the hijacked bus as it travelled from south-west Miami towards the town ceotre. News helicopters followed and the chase was broadcast live on national tele-

During the hijacking, the bus driver kept in radio contact with authorities and passed on the hijacker's demands. The bus driver frankly was

a hero", Mr Visiedo said. "She never panicked." The bus finally stopped out-side the restaurant, where the hijacker said he wanted to eat lunch. While police tried to negotiate, the bus started moving again slowly and stopped. The suspect was then shot.



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# Quebec MPs threaten new secession vote

Montreal - Quebec's separatists, in a defiant strategy switch, decided vesterday to remain in the federal parliament nespite their recent referendum defeat. Their purpose is to fight proposals aimed at keeping Quebec in Canada.

The objective of sovereignty is more alive than ever before," said the separatist leader. Lucien Bouchard, "It's more important than ever that there are Quebeckers who truly defend Quebec ... there will be an all-

out assault."
The Quebec bloc has 53 seats in parliament and is the largest opposition party. Members considered the latest federal promises to Quebec to be "a decov", Mr Bouchard said, but he added he was not ready to make a second crucial decision - whether to give up his own seat in parliament and replace Jacques Parizeau, who has resigned as head of Quebec's separatist government. Mr Bouchard said he needed more time to confer with his family, saying: "My sons hate the word

referendum. The Bloc Quebecois candidates were elected to parliament in 1993 on promises to prepare the ground for the sovereignty referendum, then leave their seats. They reconsidered after the separatists lost Monday's referendum by just 53,000 votes out of 4.6 million. The following day Mr Parizeau announced his resignation.

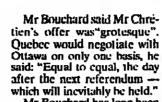
Members of Mr Parizeau's cabinet said they would welcome Mr Bouchard as the replacement. The partiamentary leader's fiery speeches were credited with pulling the separatists into a dead heat in the referendum campaign after they had trailed badly in early

The comments by Mr Bouchard about attempting another referendum on secession have infuriated Canada's Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien. He is promising the province new privileges if it stays in Canada, but warned that he would not colerate "referen-

dums every six months". "Canada has a right to political stability," Mr Chretien said on Wednesday, "That's my constitutional responsibility and I will deliver, because everybody in Canada is paying the price for

The Prime Minister has promised that parliament, controlled by his Liberal Party. would work quickly on political changes to satisfy Quebec nationalists. In his speech on Wednesday, he said these would include formal recognition of Quebec as a "distinct society" and a commitment that the constitution would not be amended without Quebec's

But Mr Chrétien added: "We cannot play that game where there will be a referendum every six months or year or two years until they win, and after that there will be no more ref-



Mr Bouchard has long been popular in Quehec, but he gaioed near-mythic status last vear when he lost a leg to a flesh-destroying disease, then returned energetically to the separatist campaign.

In Quebec City, there was no consensus among ministers about how soon another referendum should be held. "We will have as many referendums as necessary to have the result we want", said the Justice Minister, Paul Begin.

Premiers of Canada's western provinces, meeting in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, said that they were willing to consider constitutional reforms to shift federal powers to the provinces, including Quebec.



Royal robe: The Queen wearing a traditional Maori cloak at the beginning of her visit

# international = S Iraq could foil nuclear test ban

Defence Correspondent

Third World countries on the threshold of becoming nuclear powers could develop the weapons undetected, using new simulation techniques, according to a German defence scientist. The simulation is said to be well within the capabilities of countries such as Iraq, and could make the forthcoming Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty irrelevant as a means of halting nuclear proliferation.

The global ban on all nuclear testing is due to come into force next year. The French tests in the South Pacific will probably be the last. For developed countries with sophisticated computers, it is already possi-ble to predict the size and characteristics of a nuclear blast without actually testing. The French have said their tests are the final stage in calibrating their computer codes, which will then obviate the need for further tests.

Until now it has been assumed the ban would make it hard for other countries to develop nuclear weapons because full-scale tests would be instantly detected. But simpler ways of mimicking nuclear explosions would enable these

countries - "threshold" nucleur powers such as Iraq, Iran, Pukistan and North Korea - to develop powerful warheads, and predict their performance accurately, without being detected by the International Atomic Energy Authority.

One new technique is called sonoluminescence. A bubble in a liquid is expanded and contracted using ultrasound. If the bubble implodes, it can reach temperatures of 10 million C at its centre, simulating a nuclear fusion reaction. Britain and France have laser

facilities which can be used to help simulate fusion. This week's announcement on Franço-British nuclear co-operation may mean British scientists using France's laser at Bordeaux.

However, Dr Artur Knoth, a German defence scientist, told the International Defense Review: "Several other techniques are currently available, and all are well within the abilities of evisting physics. All are cheap to operate and all are relatively unchallenging technically, Except for fusion tests done by laser, all require small levels of equipment and hence would be hard to deteet by reconnaissance satellite. This makes cases of suspected proliferation all the harder to

# Hillary's knickers in a Brazilian twist



That ad: The First Lady's latest, inadvertent incarnation

Hillary Clinton: lawyer, mother "presidential part-ner" cookie-baker, newspaper columnist and now knickers model. Her latest incarnation is quite inadvertent, however, A Brazilian lingerie company is using an accidentally revealing pholo of the First Lady, taken during her recent Latin Amer-

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"In the interest of good taste and good sense we have no comment," said Mrs Clinton's press secretary, Lisa Capulo. Earlier this year, a rival

Brazilian lingerie maker, Valisere, hired Divine Brown, the Hollywood prostitute arrested with Hugh Grant for "lewd conduct, for an advert warning women against ignoring their pariners' sexual fantasies. Ms Brown got a dose of reality on Wednesday, when she began her six-month jail sentence.

Children's charities in South Africa are \$100,000 better off, thanks to two of the world's best-loved men, Santa Claus and Nelson Mandela — though



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"Not many people are aware that Mandela contribules money from his own salary every month into a fund to help the underprivileged children of South Africa," said Conrad Sidegeo, South Africa's ambassador to Denmark, as he accepted the prize on behalf of the President, who was named "Santa of the Year" by the Santa Claus Foundation of Greenland. "It is going to give so much to the children of South Africa, where need is

ecormous.' Backed by the government of Greenland, which claims to be the real home of Father Christmas, the foundation assists children all over the world. Lars-Emil Johansen, prime minister of the autonomous Danish province, will visit Johannesburg to present the President with the rest of his prize: a full-size wax model of Mr Mandela - dressed as Santa

Ti's all over between her and OJ Simpson, Paula Barbieri says. The model told ABC television that she waited faithfully for the American football star from the time of his arrest on double-murder charges in June 1994 until his acquittal a month ago. From jail, she said, Simpson had told her, repealedly and tearfully, that if he were acquitted of the murders of his exwife, Nicole, and her friend Ronald Goldman, he would ahandon his celebrity lifestyle. But once free, Miss Barbieri said, he began cashing in on his fame and suggested to her that they pose for photographs together, for money.

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"Rather than a quiet, 'Let's get back to who you and I are, and let's get to know each other again on a different level' it was a realisation for me that he was going back to that lifestyle," she said. Now she just wants to move on "And when all those people ask me 'How's OJ?" ... I won'l know. I just want to work. I want to have children.

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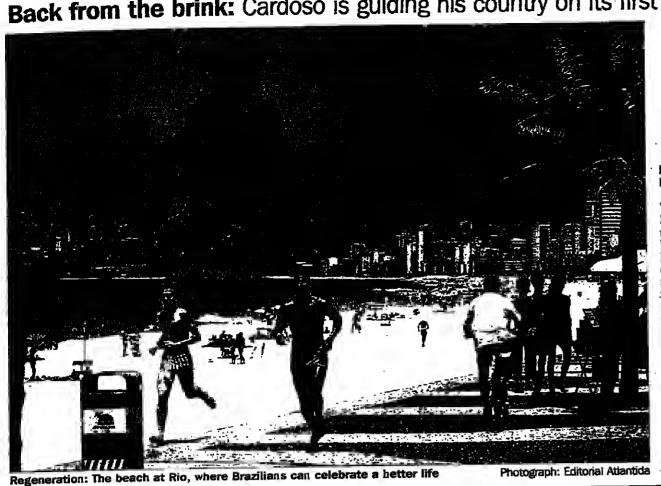
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Back from the brink: Cardoso is guiding his country on its first steps away from a past dominated by violence and corruption



# Brazil shapes up under 'intellectual' president

PHIL DAVISON Rio de Janeiro

When the Brazilian President, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, met his US counterpart at the UN hirthday celebrations in New York last week, he handed over an unusual gift; the memoirs of Cordell Hull, Sec-retary of State to one of Bill Clinton's White House prede-

cessors, Franklin D Roosevelt. Would Mr Clinton not have been more interested in a souvenir from Brazil? Perhaps. But Mr Cardoso was giving the American President a message During the creation of the UN. Messrs Roosevelt and Hull had promised Brazil a permanent seat on the Security Council, a promise never kept but often cited by the 65-year-old former sociologist who now rules Brazil. Mr Cardoso was telling

Brazil is a serious contender to become the first Latin American permanent member of an expanded Security Council. This is due in no small part

to Mr Cardoso's success in stabilising his nation since he took office on 1 January. He has tamed rampant inflation, shaken up a notoriously corrupt Congress, ended state monopolies in oil and communications, the European Union and generally improved the image of a nation whose last elected sident, Fernando Collor de

Mello, resigned as he was being impeached for corruption.

Now, Mr Cardoso is pushing through constitutional reforms of the tax system, social security and public workers' contracts, all of which he hopes will be in

Mr Clinton that Brazil's time place by next year. With his popularity still as high as when he ularity still as high as when he are demanding easier credit was elected, few doubt that he will eventually try to push through another constitutional reform: to allow him to run again in 1998.

"He's a superh Brazilian president in relation to his immediate predecessors," said Richard Foster, a political analyst who runs the newsletter BrazilWatch in Brasilia. "He's not a macho president. He's an intellectual with specific goals. He's lived in the US and France. He speaks foreign languages and has a quick understanding of how First World leaders think." Dr Paulo Calmon, professor of political science at Brasilia University, said: "He's probably the most popular leader in Latin America. But ... he relies too much on his charis-

ma. That's his Achilles heel." Mr Cardoso was a leading sociologist when he was appointed economy minister in late 1993. By July 1994, he had launched his "Real Plan", casting off the old cruzeiro and replacing it with a new currency. the real, pegged loosely to the dollar. Previously, retail prices were rising by 50 per cent a month. When I visited Brazil shortly before the plan's introduction, my hotel cashier could not fit the zeros on to a single credit-card hill. Now, inflation is around 2 per cent a month, the real is worth slightly more than a dollar and Brazil's poor, the vast majority, strongly support the Real Plan.

Not everyone does. Farmers terms, and Mr Cardoso faces regular protests from landless peasants, demanding that he speed up land reforms.

Most analysts agree that economic stability is a prerequisite for social improvement. Violence in the cities, particularly in Rio, remains a serious problem. There are 21 homicides in the city daily. US anti-narcotics agents say that Brazil is hecoming a processing and transit point for cocaine, and in addition to the kidnapping of poor girls for prostitution, there has been a new spate of kidnappings of the sons or daugh-ters of wealthy husinessmen.

Still, Mr Cardoso is focusing his efforts on a reform which would slash the salaries of 7 million public employees. Until now, being employed by gov-erument in Brazil was one of the world's most secure jobs. At senior level, civil servants earned several times as much as the President. They could not be sacked, even if they turned up to work only to collect their pay.

In a key vote last week, a congressional committee approved most of the constitutional amendment which would allow public employees to be sacked. It still has a long way to go, but is seen as a symbol of the president's economic revolution.

"Cardoso knows it'll take 10. 15, 20 years to get Brazil into reasonable shape." said Mr Foster, "but he wants to be able to say, 'We started it in 1995.'

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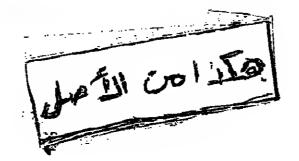
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# Veggie shadow boxers hold the secret of long life

Autumn in Peking, the leaves are falling from the trees, and a young woman's thoughts cannot help but dwell on her own mortality. But help has been close at hand. China's capital has been host to an interna-

at the Fragrant Hills hotel on the outskirts of Peking. A group said Mr Zeng. of Chinese 100-year-olds, presumably privy to the secret of longevity, were due to address the conference and tell how. So. despite the not inconsiderable risk of one's life being abruptly terminated during the chaos of Peking's morning rush-hour, the Independent sallied forth to

discover the elixir of youth. On arrival there seemed at first to have been some mistake. Across the entrance hall, a large banner was strung: "International seminar on reorganisation and bankruptcy of state-owned enterprises." This was therapy for old wrecks of a different sort, I supposed, but not quite what we were looking for.

Shrewdly guessing that the group of middle-aged women in silk Chinese pyjamas was probably not from the State Commission for the Restructuring of the Economy, I followed them through to a large hall where an audience full of earnest, but not particularly youthful-looking, people was waiting, well, carnestly. Here was the Second World Conference on Taiji Training, with its very promising slogan: "Adjust at the age of 40 and live to 100 years old". That was good, there was still time to "adjust".

Last month a Frenchwoman, Jeanne Calment, became the world's oldest recorded person, exceeding the former record of 120 years and 238 days. Her recipe for survival seemed relatively benign: keep laughing, dreaming, take exercise, avoid stress and do not work too hard. She even waited until the age of 117 before giving up

The conference participants, including 160 foreigners, clearly wanted something more austere. One of the organisers, Zeng Guang, a portly 44-yearold who the rest of the time is in "building materials importexport, gave his prescription: Taiji boxing, static Qigong for relaxation, and therapeutic selfmassage for the acupoints," he

Dong Nianli, a more respectable 73 years, who is the vice-chairman of China's (three-year-old) Global Research Centre for Health and Longevity and (more encouragingly) president of the

tion, firmly agreed, "With the ways, you will live up to 100 years for certain," he said firmly.

Moreover, the conference "How to live to the age of 100".

According to the programme, all was to be revealed at the France Hill head on the Hill head of the Hill head on the Hill head of the Hill head on the Hill

But, with nine years to go be-fore his century, Mr Deng should be aware that Taiji alone is not enough, according to Mr Dong. "You must go to bed early and get up early. Don't overeat. Select suitable exercise," he said. And sex? "According to scientists, people until 80 have sex. But not too much. Once a week is best. Too much will hurt your health."

Extensive research, based on China's 1990 census returns, was read to the audience with due reverence. China had 6,434 people over the age of 100, and the oldest was 136 (apologies to Mme Calment). Some twothirds are vegetarian, "love to participate in labour and exercises" and "are of open character"; all "have a regular life".

For dissolute readers, the good news is that only two-fifths were teetotal, and harely a third practiced Taiji boxing. Only 11.21 per cent "drank tea properly, whatever that means.

But where was the proof? Where were those sprightly 100-year-olds we had been promised? "They did not come," admitted Mr Dong. It was not explained why. The oldest person who did attend was Liu Zhaomiao, 85, from Shandong province, who said he had practiced the Dao brand of shadow boxing for 70 years and sleeps from 9pm to 4am. He was furious that the organisers had nol asked him to demonstrate his martial arts skills during the closing ceremony and wanted us to heckle for his turn. Would he live to 100? With the practice of Dao, yesl"

Teresa Poole



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Who are the judges?

Lords of Appeal in Ordinary (Law Lords)

They hear cases in the House of Lords, the final court

of appeal for criminal and civil cases. All 12 are men.

The Lord Chief Justice, the senior judicial officer in

England and Wales, who heads the Queen's Bench

Division of the High Court and the criminal branch of

the Court of Appeal, earns £124,138. The Master

of the Rolls, who heads the civil branch of the Court

of Appeal, earns £114,874. The President of the Fam-

ily Division earns £110,137. The Vice-Chancellor, who

heads the Chancery Division and is in charge of le-

gal financial matters, eams £110,137. All are men.

Together with the Lord Chief Justice and the Mas-

ter of the Rolls, they are judges of the Court of Ap-

The High Court, based in London, is divided into

three divisions: Queen's Bench, Chancery and Fam-

Most crown court work is done by circuit judges.

There are 480 men and 30 women, of whom four

come from ethnic minorities. District judges work

with circuit judges in county courts. There are 286

male and 32 female district judges, of whom two

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As the Government seeks to defy Nolan, the battle between the executive and the judges is now more intense than at any time in recent history. Stephen Ward reports Judges vs the Government

It used to be easy to caricature judges. They were reactionaries, they were Establishment, they never doubted the evidence of the police, they were so out of touch they didn't knuw who the Beatles were, and come bell or high water, they would back a Conservative

None of those truisms has shifted as much as the last - the two institutions are now at each other's throats. No Home Secretary has been as much criticised in judgements as Michael Howard. This week again he has been found tu have acted beyond his powers by harring the head of the Moonies without hearing the latter's side of the story first. Today the Government's policy hanning gays will he judged by the Court of Appeal, and judges have already warned the Government that it will face yet another defeat in the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg if it doesn't hack down.

The Tories have started to hit hack - Michael Howard has taken on the judiciary by saying the Government will remove some uf their discretion on sentencing. The senior judge, Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, told him he had no right to interfere.

Greater than all these is the Nolan inquiry. It began as a very traditonal fudge - John Major, in time-honuured tradition, thought he could bury sleaze by appointing a Law Lord, Lord Nolan, to investigate it. It had been done time after time with thorny problems like electoral reform or where to site an airport. Appoint a commission chaired by a judge and waii a couple of years for the report, confident that it would say little. And even if it did rock the hoat a little, it could always be

ignored. Nolan and Scott have been different. When the Prime Minister established the Nolan committee in October 1994 he said be wanted an "ethical workshop to provide running repairs on standards in public life". Lord Nolan and bis colleagues quite deliberately chose to stretch their terms of reference, and in its recommendations went far beyond what John Major could have expected, by insisting that the answer to sleaze allegations was for MPs to publish their outside earnings. The Tory party was

aghast, and has refused. So far we have a stand-off: Nolan has become a test of the relative credibility of the judiciary and the Government, and it is far from clear that the Govern-

ment in its present state can see Sir Richard Scott's inquiry threatens to blow up in an even higger way when it reports later this year. Appointed to make the arms for Iraq affair go away, the judge has, like Lord Nolan, felt confident enough to interpret his brief widely. Minister after minister faced a cross-examination from his talented QC, Presiley Baxetti dainifar more searching than any-

## How the two sides compare

Judges **Politicians** Politicians: 2 Judges often earn less money than the barristers appearing before them, and less than they themselves earned when they were barristers. Once many people went into politics chiefly from a desire to serve their country and their constituents. That

Integrity

They are criticised for crassness and ignorance, but almost never for corruption. They still make the 'News of the World' if they visit a prostitute. Giving politicians any marks at all is controversial, but some are much maligned and these help to bring up the average of the others.

Supposedly what they are there for, but some still have blind spots, for

Objectivity They follow the party line. A piece of paper strives from the whilps telling them how to vote.

They have to make all their judgments in public, with reasons, and can be appealed if they get it wrong. But almost never lose their jobs.

Accountability They do face re-election, a thought looming large just now for all Conservatives with a majority of less than five figures.

In court, formal, legalistic. Outside court, they are traditionally silent about their motivations, feelings and When a judge was caught smug-gling, and had to resign, it was so

17.75 A. 18.10 A. Politicians: 8 Seems generous, but standards vary. Taking large consultancies or high-paid directorships may be dis-

There is something in the nature of the job which makes them consider

everything they say not on its merits but on its electoral appeal

rare as to be sensational, Leadership Judges: 2 Not what judges exercise, Get some

Total: 38

Some you might follow, but since Mrs Thatcher the Government has been short of charismatic figures. marks for recent enlightened Law Lords and Court of Appeal judgments on human rights and medical ethics.

Total: 30

thing they had faced in the Commons. Again, lo the horror of politicians, they found themselves cast in the role not of expert witness, but sitting in the dock. They must feel threatened by the imminent report of bis findings and a vague sense of betrayal that they are being turned over by what they had hoped would be one of their

The outcome of the contest between politicians and the judiciary remains unpredictable. As the credibility and authority of politicians has wanted in many democracies, so the power of the judiciary has correspondingly tended to rise. In Italy, for example, government has fared even worsh. Parliament has been deeply undermined by a series of corrup-tion investigations by judges. In the United States, even with a new mandate, President Clinton found he lacked the clout to hring in a state health service, or to allow gays in the army. In Brilain, governments have been winning a smaller share of the electorate, and party loyalties bave been weakening steadily for 30 years or more. Assuming people want somebody they can look up to and trust, there is a vacuum that judges have been able to step into. The British judiciary has

enhanced its capacity to do this by

seeking to change, in the space of a few short years, virtually every negative element of the traditional judidial stereotype. The position of Lord Mackay is central in this change. His prede-cessor, Lord Hailsham, was an heredilary peer and politician. Lord Mackay is different. He told the BBC's Joshua Rozenhurg that

he had a duty to decide cases applying the law and free from improper pressure". Lord Mackay is the target of the current Tory hackbench backlash over divorce legislation and the now abandoned law against domestic violence. He is both a member of the Cabinet and the bead of the judiciary. And he has found himself squeezed between his twin constitutional roles, now being made a scapegoat in the attempted revenge of the politi-

Mackay has been crucial in the appointment of a new kind of judge. He recommends appointments to the Prime Minister and he has chosen some the most libcral ever, including the latest Law Lords (notably Lord Nolan). In 1985 he abolished the ban on judges making public pronounce-

ments. Three years ago the top men in the judiciary retired. Out went the Lord Chief Justice Lord Lane and in came Lord Taylor as the senior indee. Out went Lord Dunaldson, Master of the Rolls and top civil judge, and in came Sir Thomas Bingbam. Each man was 13 years younger than bis predecessor. Lord Taylor was not exactly a man of the people, but as a grammar school hoy from Newcastie-upon-Tyne, he was not of the traditional establishment. Happy to give interviews to the press and comfortable talking to ministers. he cut a new kind of figure as the chief judge.

This new generation of judges, including Mr Justice Sedley who gave judgement on Mr Moon, have been responsible for a series of judical reviews of ministerial decisions which have criticised government ministers. John Patten, as Education Secretary, was told he could not force shoods to carry out his tests. Micbael Howard has been repeatedly criticised over immigration, over parole, and over his Criminal Justice Act and its effect on travellers.

Meanwhile, the Government also keeps falling foul of The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. To the beleaguered Government, it seems like part of the same conspiracy.

Even Law Lords, traditionally the ultimate caricalure of a judge, have produced some extraordinarily liberal decisions. The lords bave increasingly taken decisions to protect individuals against the powers of government and large institutions. Last April Michael Howard (again) was forced to abandon a new scheme for criminal injury compensation after the lords ruled be had exceeded his powers by failing to consult Parliament.

It is not that judges bave suddenly become political subversives, they are just doing what they have always done, and are trying to uphold the rule of law. It is more that the Government bas passed laws that erode human rights, brought in sloppily drafted legislation and attempted to use laws for things for which they were not intended. It is their own fault that a Conservative government is in an unprecedented con-



Earn £60,819, and receive an allowance for office costs of £42,754. They head government departments and are members of the Cabinet. There are 21 men and two women. About 55 per cent went to public school

followed by Oxbridge; 9 per cent went to Eton. Ministers of State Earn £30,307-£48,835, and receive an al-

lowance for office costs of £42,754. They act as deputies to cabinet ministers. There are 27 men and one woman. About 58 per cent went to public school followed by Oxbridge; 22 per cent went to Eton.

**Parliamentary Under-Secretaries** of State Earn £41,065, and receive an allowance for of-

fice costs of £42,754. There are 29 men and three women. About 50 per cent were educated at public school followed by Oxbridge; 10 per cent went to Eton

**Back-benchers** Earn £33,189 and receive an allowance for office

costs of £42,754.

Many back-benchers earn more than £100,000, excluding office cost allowance, through other outside eamings. There are 231 men, of whom one is Asian, and 12 women. The 200 backbenchers hold a total of 276 paid directorships of companies and 356 paid consultancies. Douglas Hurd gets £250,000 a year for his directorship of NatWest. and Sir Norman Fowler earns £120,000 through directorships and chairmanships.

Some of Wilkes's more elderly colleagues were no doubt relieved that Christine Keeler boycotted the party to launch the book Great Parliamentary Scandals by the former Tory MP turned scribbler Matthew Parris. Ms Keeler was offended by the reference to her being jailed, because it failed to point out that she was "sent down" for perjury, for protecting a friend of hers. She curtly informed Mr Parris that she would not be attending his bash in the cellars of the Churchill War Rooms in Whitehall. This greatly disappointed Wilkes, who would have enjoyed chatting about old times with his one-time temptress. Still, the party went with a swing, with victims of more recent

parliamentary scandals gamely supping their chardonnay, including the Tory MPs Michael Mates, Tim Yeo and Michael Brown. Mr Parris recalled meeting Mandy Rice Davies in a radio studio when he was an MP. She said he was the first Tory MP she had met. "And then she hurst into giggles," he said. Ah, those were the days, and il made an old man very happy to recall them. Wilkes had to agree with Mr Parris that scandals are not what they used to be.

Wilkes is a man of many parts and this week his role has extended to conveying the apologies of the editor of the *Independent* to Iau Bruce, the

lory member for Dorset South. Bruce was naturally put out when colleagues started to greet him in midweek with strange handshakes and togs at the pinstriped trouser leg. the problem being that this noble organ had wrongly named him as a leading Freemason-

The source of the error was Labour Research, the union-funded hammer of the Biries. It had combed through the latest Masonic Year Book for a wo-page Freemasons' Who's Who and claimed it had found four sitting Conservative members in the list. Mr Bruce was even given the starring role of sitting on a number of United Grand Lodge of England committees". Closer inspection of the Masonic listings, alas, reveals a rather

different picture. Three Bruces

feature, Messrs Arthur and Robert and one Major Ian Bruce. The Dorset

member (not, I fear, a military man) says: "I didn't realise I could be promoted to such exalted office without ever having been a member."

Christine Korler:



lan Bruce; no funny handshakes Nicholas Soames, former equerry to the Prince of Wales, used the Queen's Flight for a ministerial trip to the Middle East the other day. He was

entertained to hear that the aeroplane

in which he flew was none other than

the twin-engined jet that Prince Charles pranged on a tricky landing in the Scottish isles. Bunter was so pleased to see the crate back in service that he decided to cheer up Prince Charles by having a photograph of himself taken with the plane, and duly dispatched it to the Prince.

Willes hears that Sir Teddy Taylor,

redoubtable and previously "whipless Euro-sceptic, has been characteristically honest in dealing with the 35odd farmers who have become his constituents since boundary reorganisation. Under the changes his constituency of Southend East becomes Rochford and Southend East and takes on a new slice of rural Essex. But Sir Teddy - no friend, to put it mildly, of the dependency culture generated by the Common Agricultural Policy - has beseeched his new farmer constituents, politely but firmly, not to bother voting for him. It's true that reorganisation gives Sir Teddy, who has a strong personal following in Southend, a notional majority of 16,077 compared with the 13,111 be actually got in the 1992 general election. Nevertheless, most Conservative MPs, given the parious state of the polls, would still be falling over themselves to ingratiate themselves with the farmers, so long the backbone of their great party. But then Sir Teddy has always been made of sterner stuff.

It was Wilkes who first told the world that Alan Clark had decided to put his hat in the ring for the coveted new ultra-safe Tory seat of Kensington and Chelsea. Now he learns this was not mere jen d'esprit and that the colourful, brilliant and unorthodox world-class diarist is in deadly earnest about a return to the Commons. He will not, Wilkes guesses, want to move from his spendid home at Saltwood

Castle in Kent, so a southern England

Kenneth Baker has finally decided to A pal of Clark's tells me that the great man has been praised for his frankness in his section of Lord Justice Scott's inquiry and that he is

seat seems the most likely. What about Mole Valley, the seat that

ready, willing, and eager to serve once By contrast, the Northern Ireland minister John Wheeler, another candidate spurned by Kensington and Chelsea, has confided to Wilkes that he is reluctantly planning to stand down from Parliament. He was understandably a bit miffed to be asked whether his Northern Ireland duties would give him enough time to turn up to parties in the constituency. Meanwhile, do not rule out the possibility that Nicholas Scott, for all

his troubles over his impending drink-driving case, could actually win when the party turns out to make its selection next Friday. Wilkes's spies say he is up for a fighting speech and that his most ardent supporters are ready to turn up in force. Mary Robinson, the Irish President, said on her meeting with the Queen last week in London that she hoped that the Queen would visit Ireland.

is said to have replied: "I hope to when things have settled." Or did she say she would settle in Ireland? Wilkes can hardly blame her.

Some guests at the reception asked

the Queen whether she would go. She

Before Mohamed Al Fayed gave evidence to the privileges committee, a glittering green and gold horse-drawn carriage bearing the Harrods logo parked on double yellow lines outside the gates of the House of Commons. Two lady parking wardens stood by, wondering what to do, when Tony Banks, the cheeky Labour chappie, said: "Go on. Issue them with a parking ticket." They resisted the temptation.

There are bonuses in being pushed sideways to the ludicrous Department of National Heritage, as Wilkes's underrated Labour friend Lewis Moonie found out this week. His shadow poxtfolio brought with it a coveted ticket to the Rangers vs Juventus match. Sadly, he was prevented from smoking his favourite pipe tobacco at the fiercely Protestant Glasgow ground. "I don't think it would be wise to get out my packet of Three Nuns at Ibrox Park," he smiled.



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# Labour misses the point again

Margaret Beckett missed an opportunity vesterday. As Labour's new Shadow Trade and Industry Minister, she has acquired responsibility for the famous BT deal, launched with such fanfare by Tony Blair at the Labour Party conference. The plan involves British Telecom offering free connections on the so-called information superhighway to public institu-tions such as libraries and schools in exchange for BT being allowed access to the home entertainment business by 2002.

Yesterday the telecommunications regulator Don Cruickshank joined in the Inderendent's criticism of this deal, arguing that Labour will only succeed in encouraging BT's monopoly, which the regulator has spent the last decade trying to counter. Better to allow rival companies to service the public sector as well: competition produces better service and keener prices. It was Mrs Becken's chance to state that New Labour is not interested in flashy. Wilsonian deals that distort the market, but the construction of sound industrial policy based on an appropriately regulated market economy.

Instead she savaged the watchdog.
It is not that there are no sound arguments for allowing BT into the home entertainment market in 2002. By then the competing cable TV companies should be established as a serious force in the UK industry. Perhaps Oftel could require all cable and telecoms companies to connect their systems free to public institutions. That is one way to avoid confining the less

well-off to a slow lane on the superhighway. But for Mrs Beckett to argue that Labour is encouraging competition by

allowing BT into a new market misses the point. BT is easily the dominant corporate player in the UK communications market and probably will still be so by 2002. Government's job is to ensure that a regulator working at arm's length is given an appropriate set of powers to protect the consumer against market domination by any player, rather than to make lunges in favour of one company. It is all a question of balance.

The principles of such an approach were well set out by Gordon Brown, the

Shadow Chancellor, in bold speeches during the summer. Mr Brown presented Labour as the party of competition, the consumer's and therefore the people's friend. This route is rich in promise for New Labour, but it requires the party to resist the old corporatist temptations of trying to

run companies from Victoria Street.
At the same time, Labour has embarked upon a wide-ranging discussion of the way that regulation of the privatised utilities should be organised. Should there be a single regulator for telecommunications and hroadcasting? Since the industries are converging, almost certainly, yes. Should the one person regulator give way to a panel? Less clear-cut. Is the British way of regulation, whereby prices are controlled by the imposition of formulae linked to inflation,

still the best? On balance, probably it is. But Labour will not achieve sound reg ulation in any sphere if it conveys the impression that ministers would be phoning the regulator every five minutes about some hrilliant plan cooked up with another captain of industry. Mrs Beckett must show she grasps this. So must Mr Blair.

# Stripping down puritanism

When it comes to nudity, the British are the most puritanical in Europe. according to the Independent Television Commission. It has been testing opinion on nakedness in advertisements and discovered that we don't like our suburban living rooms filled, without warning, with nipples and bottoms.

All of this sounds depressingly familiar. It suggests that we have changed little in a century. We are still oppressed by Victorian prudery, still a country of bathers who struggle under huge towels to put on 10-gallon shorts, a nation more comfortable dressing up in period cos-tume than showing off our birthday

We've never been at ease with the human body. There are no British equivalents of the great Italian and Dutch painters of the nude. Our finest artists of the human form, the likes of Gainsborough and Millet, excelled in representing clothing, not its absence. The few modern British painters, such as Lucien Freud and Jenny Saville, who portray nudity do so in a way that speaks at least partly of disgust.

But hang on a minute. If the British are so prudish, how come Page Three girls are allowed to strut their stuff, top shelves of newsagents are awash with pornography and the television nipple count often soars in the small hours of the morning?

The answer is that the British are tolerant about most things provided they are kept in their place. Large numbers of breasts publicly displayed are fine as long as people expect to find them there. So the Queen may look stony-faced, but she would never be shocked during an overseas visit to encounter a troop of hare-

breasted dancers. That would not, bowever, do on Horseguards Parade.

Likewise, there are complicated notions of propriety for showing naked-ness. The priociples were best expressed in 1979, when the Williams' Report on Obscenity and Film Censorship argued that just about any material should be available for those seeking it out, but people should not stumble upon images they would find distasteful. So the most risqué should be kept under the counter, out of

The same principle applies today. Britain has a host of rules about the hours at which various levels of nudity are permitted on television. In contrast, France. Germany and Italy, for example, have less state control and fewer strictures.

But there is another factor that may help to explain British attitudes to nudity. It concerns the question of female breasts, which are the main area of controversy about nakedness. The British are clearly not at home with the chief function of the hreast, namely to feed hahies. One third of mothers never even try breast-feeding and only one in five is still doing it six months after hirth, even though the Department of Health recommends continuing for a year. These figures are the lowest in Europe.

Given that we are so unhappy about using hreasts, is it little wonder that we are wary about looking at them? All of which suggests how we might start to chip away at surviving prudish Victorian values. Instead of worrying about the cen-sorship of nipples from shower advertisements, we should concentrate on providing a few images of them in habies'

ANOTHER VIEW Mark Brann

### Blessed are the persecuted

We shall win in the end. History shows, remarkably, that the persesparked off an outcry that must be heard.

cuted often become the victors. I am sure that Reverend Moon is very sad and disappointed that he cannot come to Britain on his world tour. I know he loves this country and respects its great tradition of freedom. The Home Secretary has made a grave error, and my fellow members of the Unification Church

are seeking urgent redress. For many of us it has been 17 years since we have seen Reverend Moon and we remember that visit with great fondness. Why has this man of God heen refused entry to this country? We are burt, baffled and angry and yet many of us have learned patience and hope from previous confrontations with higotry and prejudice.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Christ said: "Blessed are ye, when men persecute you." Truly we have been hlessed by Michael Howard. We had 48 hours after being notified by the Home Secretary that Reverend Moon had been refused entry to this country, and to bring this injustice to his many supporters' attention, 48 hours to try and gather enough representation to present to the

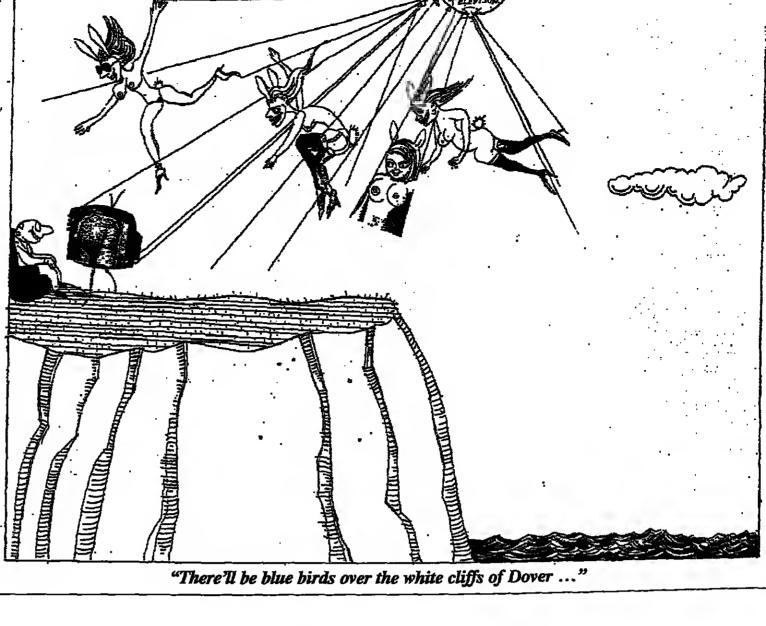
Home Secretary. Michael Howard clearly indicated that no matter what representation he received supporting Reverend Moon, he would still refuse him entry. It seems a noBecause he never gave up, despite being tortured, imprisoned, vilified on many occasions throughout his life, I believe Reverend Moon demonstrates a faith and a love of God and mankind that could have been the turning point to change this country's moral decline.

That opportunity has temporarily been denied to the people of Britain, but we shall not stop until this unjust ban has been quashed and those people are free

to make up their own minds. I remember the day Reverend Moon heard the news that a jury in the United States bad found him guilty of what everybody knew was a trumped-up charge of tax evasion. He smiled and shook his head. Then turning to one of his closest followers he said: "How many times is that now?" And the man laughed with him. He has been, like St Paul, like Martin Luther King, and like so many other men who gave their lives for freedom and for mankind, imprisoned often.

Millions of Christian people throughout the US demonstrated at the injustice. My carnest hope tonight is that, whether or not they agree with his beliefs, many similar people in Britain will feel as they did.

The writer is president of the Unification



FLHYBOY

### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

persuaded that the cruelty

involved in hunting is unjustified

- just as our predecessors were

persuaded that the cruelty

involved in dog fighting and bear

All legislation impinges on

someone's activides - otherwise

we would not need it. If the pub-

lic and their parliamentary rep-

resentatives decide that for the

benefit of a civilised society a

minority must have their activities

curtailed, so be it. That is what democracy and Government is all

Yours faithfully,

Wildlife Officer

League Against

From Mr Simon Sandberg

Sir: Polly Toynbee's article

defending fox bunting was fan-

tastically wrong-beaded. To cite hut one example, she says that

"foxes are inedible". Patieoce

Gray, in ber classic book Honey

from a Weed, provides a recipe for

animal will need to be hung in the

frost, or otherwise left in running

water for three days. Then one

simply cuts up the fox, simmers

it in olive oil until liquor is

released from the meat and then

re-absorbed. These preliminaries

are essendal, she says, for remov-

mg any acridity. Then simply add

garlic, herbs, wine, to matoes and

some stock. She says the same

method works equally well for

badger, though the badger will

need a little more time to cook

I should imagine the case for

fox hunting would be much strengthened if the MFH could

be prevailed upon to serve up

such a meal at the end of a suc-

Battered women.

disputed figures

Sir: Fran Ahrams's disturbing

claim ("Just imagine", 23 Octo-

ber) that one woman in four has suffered physical abuse from a

male partner is unsupported by

The most thorough and statis-

tically robust studies of the preva-

lence of domestic violence are the

two representative-sample Na-

tional Family Violence surveys

conducted in the United States by

the academics Richard Gelles

and Murray Straus. They suggest

that around 100,000 women a

year suffer serious injury as a

result of domestic disputes. That

is a shocking statistic in itself, of

course, but it does suggest that

Ms Abrams should have been cit-

ing a battery rate of less than 1

per cent, not 25 per cent. Even on a broad definition, only 16 per

ceot of couples could be said to

engage in violence; the great

majority of such acts are minor

incidents, such as pushing and

ostling, that cause no physical

injury, and around half of them

are committed by women.

Yours faithfully,

OLIVER KAMM

London, SW9

31 October

From Mr Olivet Kamm

cessful hunt

1 November

Yours faithfully.

London, SW11

SIMON SANDRERG

La Volne alla cacciatora. She suggests that the skinned

JOHN BRYANT

baiting was unacceptable.

#### Concepts of cruelty, class... and cookery

From Mr Elliot Morley, MP Sir: Polly Toynbee made a pretty feeble defeoce of bunting. All the traditional defences for hunting - it controls foxes, it protects foxes (yes, I know they are contradictory), it's humane, it has support in the countryside, it protects the environment - have ong been discredited.

So what's left? Labour should respect the rights of an eccentric minority group. Not much of an argument, particularly as there are lots of minority groups that are not just eccentric, but pretty unpleasant, who could resort to that. Nor would a ban stop the hunters' "fun". Hunts could switch to drag hunting if they

Labour is committed to a free vote on this issue so that parliament can decide once and for all. This has been the parrot cry, from judges to the National Trust, as an excuse for not taking action. As far as the obsessional enthusiasm for the sport is coocerned, this includes breaking agree-ments with John McFall, MP, about a form of words to protect wild mammals from deliberate cruelty in return for dropping the anti-hunting parts of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill.

The chance of this Bill becoming law has been ruined in the Lords by unnecessary amendments insisted on by the Blood Sports Lobby who are prepared to allow deliberate cruelty to continue rather than compromise their "sport". That's the kind of sinister cynicism Polly Toynbee should he concerned

Yours sincerely, ELLIOT MORLEY MP for Glanford and Scunthorpe (Lab) House of Commons London, SW1 1 November The writer is Labour spokesperson for animal welfare.

From Mr Colin Booth Sir: It is most unfortunate that our society cannot discuss mat-

Slogging sisters

Sir: Genevieve Fox is quite right

to ask where all the feminists

have gone (31 October). The

answer is that they remain work-

ing away in the unglamorous

world of women's aid, rape crisis

women's centres, etc. Publishing

was and is an important part of

feminism but it never was the

forefront for black and white

working-class women. Whether it

was consciousness-raising groups

or later Greenham Common, a

great deal of work went on that

did not include Oxbridge-edu-

cated, middle-class women and,

For too long a small clique of

women have assumed that they

Seals of approval

From Mr Waldemar Januszczak

Sir. David Lister (front page, 1

November) suggests that Damien

Hirst's Mother and Child Divided

has been temporarily removed

from the Turner Prize exhibition

"with a view, perhaps, to the reac-

tion of others unmentioned - ani-

mal rights activists, for instance".

The sculpture is indeed being

strengthened by new seals, not

What conspiratorial nonsense!

because it is any sort of danger to London, SW1

what is more, it still does.

From Ms Linda Bellos

ters of humane behaviour and 30 Conservative MPs have been social mores without becoming dragged into the mire of party politics, where few subjects are dealt with in a balanced manner. My wife and I have only lived

in the country for seven years. This is not thought remotely long enough for an incomer to qualify to comment on traditional village affairs. When the hunt meets on the top of our hill, I feel mildly repelled by most of those who attend - riders, followers, spectators, sahoteurs, and police. However, even if I felt more strongly, I would agree with Polly Toynbee that it would be bypocrisy for a meat-eater to seek to ban fox-hunting on the grounds of cruelty.

There is, nevertbeless, an important dichotomy in our law that should be addressed - the 1 November hadger-baiting and cock-fighting are illegal on grounds of cruelty. Either these activities should be immediately legalised, or foxhunting (and arguably other forms of hunting too) should be banned. Only after one of these alternatives has been implemented can a "level playingfield" be established, and the issue of hloodsports be debated on its merits, rather than on the hasis of class prejudice.

Yours sincerely. COLIN BOOTH Westbury-sub-Mendip, Somerset

From Mr John Bryant Sir: Polly Toynbee argues that fox bunting should not he outlawed because it would "trespass on the rights of a small, if eccentric hunch of people". That argument also applied to the abolition of bear and hull baiting, dog fighting, badger baiting and many other forms of animal abuse.

Similarly, it is not good enough to defend fox hunting on the grounds that other abuses of animals are more cruel. The majority of the public, the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats and

could generalise from their own

narrow experience and speak for

all of us. They have been aided

and abetted by their hrothers

(and husbands) in the media. This

is not feminism and it never was.

of all women, not the career devel-

opment of the already privileged

although it might include this. All

women have some things in com-

mon but not all things. If we fail to

acknowledge the real differences

that exist between us by virtue of

our class, race, sexuality, disability,

age or religion, we will continue to fail to make the changes that many

the public, or to protect it from

imaginary animal rights protest-

ers, but because it is an important

work of British art which all of us

want to last not one year or 10

years, but hundreds of years. Art

lovers in the future will be just as

keen to see Damien Hirst's work

Humour might help.

of us want to see.

Yours faithfully,

as art lovers today.

WALDEMAR JANUSZCZAK

Commissioning Editor

Yours sincerely,

Arts and Music

LINDA BELLOS

London, N4

Feminism is about the liberation

#### Donor and egg conundrum is important for patients who do

From Dr John Carroll Sir: One thing that no one is considering in the furore over the selling of human eggs ("Agency 'trades' in women's eggs", I November) is how this situation could have been avoided.

The desperate shortage of eggs for treatment has compelled patient groups, clinicians and ethicists alike to devise new strategies for increasing the supply of donors. Whether or not one approves of the actions of the Hope Agency, it is understand-able that patients stuck on lengthy waiting lists will resort to desperate measures. Research being conducted in Britain is aimed at developing new methods for increasing the supply of buman eggs for treatment and thus avoiding the situation that

This research involves using donated ovarian tissue as a source of immature eggs which can he developed outside the body. Scientists are already able to mature adult eggs through the final stages (36 bours) of

hundreds of patients find them-

not have their own eggs. However, much more research is required to make this technique more efficient, to extend it to yonnger eggs, and to develop methods for cryopreserving (freezing) eggs, so that an egg bank can be established.

It will be some time before we can avoid being reliant on the altruistic womeo (whether paid or not) who go through painful and time-consuming operations to donate their eggs for the freat-ment of others. But with continued research we are drawing closer to that point. If society does not invest in the future. bowever, by recognising the importance of basic research and encouraging its continuation. patients will continue to find themselves in the desperate ciralternative but to pay for donated

Yours faithfully, JULIET TIZZARD The Progress Educational London, W1

1 November

#### Too big a slice of the pie for London

development, an advance which

From Mr Michael Paraskos Sir: It is a novel argument Terence Conran uses to justify all this spending of National Lottery money in London ("London deserves to get lucky", ) November]. While be is concerned for the poor, the largest contributors to the Lottery's funds, his solution is to spend the money in the richest part of the country, apparently to henefit mainly foreign businessmen and tourists. Otherwise they might mistake London for Frankfurt!

While we clearly have a duty to help such geographically-challenged visitors to our country, we need to remember also that our "national culture" is precisely that - national. Concentrating the monuments to this culture in such a rarefied space as London does not, as Conran claims, make them accessible, rather it deprives the majority of people of what is rightly theirs.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL PARASKOS Head of History of Art University College Scarborough The University of York Scarborough

From The Rev David E. Flavell Sir: Terence Conran tries to make a special case for Lottery funding

to go to London. He may well be right, but the suspicion remains that the National Lottery distributing bodies are run by London's Great and Good, who coincidentally enough favour spending on Great and Good projects in the capital. such as the Royal Opera House, the Globe and the Tate.

Given the élitist and metropolitan composition of the juries. we should not be surprised at their verdicts in favour of grants for rich men's pleasures in London. How many unemployed, how many ordinary pensioners and how many people from the provinces (not counting second homes) are on the distributing bodies? These people contribute to the National Lottery - when do they get their say?

If there is a special case for the capital, it would be better made before a democratically elected body rather than a small unrepresentative group from the Home Counties.

Yours sincerely. DAVIO E. FLAVELL Peterlee, Co Durham 1 November

From Dr Steve Jones Sir: I am the Steve Jones re-ferred to by Bryan Appleyard ("A disease that's made in the mind", 31 October) as a "scientistic barbarian". Perhaps it will help your readers to understand why Mr Appleyard is so upset if they learn that the phrase to which he takes such objection ("philosophy is to science what pornography is to sex") was coined by me in a review of his own remarkably silly book, Understanding the Present. Yours faithfully, STEVE JONES

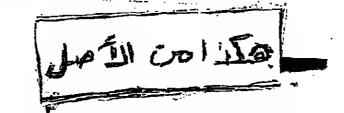
London, NW1 31 October

### Barbaric scientist | Armed response

From Mr Alan Stableford Sir: By her own admission, Kate Rankin (letter, 28 October) has caused a potentially dangerous situation to arise as a result of her negligeoce when driving. The proper immediate response in such a situation would be to assess the situation, concentrate on the job in hand and get on with her journey. A totally incorrect response would be to lose further control by-brandishine her arms around in some arcane gesture of apology. Yours faithfully. ALAN STABLEFORD Gravesend, Kent

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Their tired proposals ignore history and reason. The middle-aged moralists must be challenged

Just when we thought family matters of marriage. But these trends are only a partial picture. Most "illegitimate" jal fundamentalism are once again dominating the political agenda. It began with the Daily Mail's campaign to block the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill, then the BBC joined the fray on Tuesday with a tele-yation essay "Who Killed the Family?" by Melanie Phillips. The programme certainly lived up to its sensationalist title. A ragbag of suspects - Sixties per-missiveness, radical feminism, excessive libertarianism and overly liberal divorce laws - were hauled up hefore her kangeroo court and found guilty.

This was no sober evaluation of the ssues. Instead, home videos of domestic harmony were crudely interest with slow-motion replays of joy-riding dissolute youths, their masked faces emphasising the gulf between con-temporary dehumanised society and mtimate family lives in the past. The argument was one-dimensional and it was abundantly clear who were the good guys and who were the bad. But what was most striking about

the programme was the absence of the voices of people forming families today. As so often, those who lined up to opme about them - from Janet Daley to the Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks – were all middle-aged or older. So what of the core thesis on which

the programme was based? Is the family dead and if so who killed it? Few can dispute that family life has changed dramatically over the past 30 years. Most people cohahit hefore getting married, a high proportion of marriages end in divorce, the number of single parents continues to rise and a third of babies are now born outside

bahies are born to ordinary cohabiting couples. Most people are still marry-ing, still having children and still just about managing to sustain long-term relationships. Even after break-ups many people want to remarry or settle down again in the future, and people enter relationships almost as quiekly as they exit from them. One survey found that while in a single year 3 per cent of children experienced parental separation, 2.5 per cent she the arrival of a step-parent or the return of a natural parent.

The familial fundamentalists also

The traditionalists have no grand idea for the family. All they offer is anger and bile

have remarkably little sense of history. They talk of the "family" as if it were a solid, unchanging, easily definable institution which has only in the past few decades undergone earth-shattering transformation. This is nonsense. Family life was far more variable in the past than we have been led to believe. Cohahitation, remarriage and hirths outside of marriage to common-law couples, were not inventions of the Sixties. Between the mid-18th and mid-19th century, historians estimate, as many as one-fifth of all couples in England and Wales were cohabiting either as a prelude to mar-riage or as an alternative to it and,



HELEN WILKINSON

from the 1750s, the rate of illegitimacy rose to unprecedented levels. But by far the biggest failing of the zealots is their lack of credible solu-

tions beyond rewinding the tape and freezing the frame. Nor are they clear about how to do this. So we're left with an incoherent package of incentives and punishments, carrots and sticks. Single parents are first in line with proposals to cut henefits to force them back to work, and to make qualification for council housing more stringent. Feekless fathers are also targets with some moralists advocating an extension of the principles of the Child Support Act to to punish men further. Others are eager to rein in libcral divorce laws.

Such policies lend to absurdities. Penalising single parents would hurt children without improving the stability of relationships. By making divorce harder, relationships between divorcing countes would sour even further, ereating difficulties for their children. Even moderate reforms to allow women to evict violent and abusive boyfriends, are deemed unacceptable violations of the institution of marriage.

The traditionalists sense that the winds of change are blowing in their direction. Janet Daley said as much yesterday in the Times, So, as the budget approaches, we should steel our-

als such as raising the married couples' tax allowance. Some Tory ladies might even renew their call for a £1.000 marriage bonus, paid after 10 years of "successful" marriage.

But experience suggests that finan-cial inducements have little, if any, effect on people's behaviour. Divorce is custly and even though women (and children) are hardest hit, they clearly feel that the price of freedom is worth paying because women initiate most divorces.

Nor do incentives look likely to encourage a younger generation to rush to the altar. First-time marriage

We must help people to make deals and compromises instead of apportioning blame

rates are at their lowest possible level since 1889. Nearly half of the women born in the Sixties have cohabited and a fifth of these are expected to give hirth while living with a partner. Beyond fiscal incentives, punish-

ments and moral exhortation, the traditionalists have no grand idea, no practical solutions for strengthening young families or reversing the deterioration of their financial position. Instead, all the zealots have to offer

Unfortunately, their capacity to fuel moral panic serves to polarise the debate among their opponents - especially an older generation of feminists next be in the firing line?

selves for a recycling of tired propos- who frequently find themselves taking up equally absurd positions: change is seen as inherently positive, few costs are recognised. Yet both positions are flawed. The familists because their moral authoritarianism means they are unable to cope with diversity and difference. The libertarians because their unwillingness to acknowledge that freedom has brought a new set of problems is motivated by the fear of giving ammunition to their opponents. What we need now is a dehate that

starts somewhere between apocalypse and complacency. A starting point would be an acknowledgement that families come in all shapes and sizes. outside marriage as well as inside, and that greater freedom has brought new problems, as well as new solutions, for cohabiting couples and married couples. But we also need to face the fact that while children need parents - and other adults - if they are to grow up happy, confident and stable, the best way to achieve this is not to hully or catole unhappy parents to get married or to stay married or to make divorce more gladiatorial. We must help people to make deals and compromises rather than apportioning blame. But perhaps the real challenge is to engen-der a culture that puts the needs of children first, creating the practical conditions for good parenting rather than moralising over family form.

Of course one piece of legislation cannot change a culture overnight. But Lord Mackay's proposed divorce reform is an important first step. This is why Major should hold firm against those whose pessimism and lack of vision leads them to seek out scapegoats. After all, if they win who will

# A drama worth waiting for ...

About 30 years ago I con-ceived a great desire to write a play like one of Tom Stoppard's plays. I know exactly when it happened. It happened just as I was coming out of the first Stoppard play I had ever seen. It happened again the next time, just as I was coming out of the second Stoppard play I saw. It grew to be a habit after a while - in fact, eventually I started getting the urge to write plays like Stop-pard's just before I went into

new plays by Stoppard.

I never did get round to writing a play like Stoppard at the time. But I did work out the title. It was going to be called builing for Stoppard. I wasn't too sure about the plot, although I knew two companions would be sitting around talking a lot of the time - as they tend to in quite a few Stoppard plays. In Beckett plays, too, but I have never enjoyed Samuel Beckett the way I do Stoppard.

What I did achieve at the time was a meeting with Tom Stoppard, and h was a mind-un-settling encounter hecause it showed to me that what we call Stoppardian is not limited to the stage. My first of very few encounters with the playwright rivals, in its Stoppardian quality, anything he ever wrote.

I was a junior member of the Punch staff at the time, and Tom Stoppard was a guest at one of the regular Punch lunches, weekly events to which the editor used to ask famous people he wouldn't meet otherwise. Normally, I stood around before lunch, hracing myself with alcohol for the ordeal, hut on this occasion I leapt in and secured myself a seat next to my hero. I found myself sitting between him and John Wells, another theatre person I had never mel

I knew it was going to be a fairly low-profile lunch for me between these heavyweights of the serious showbiz scene, and so it proved. Wells and Stoppard conversed straight across me about all the arts and showbiz celebrities they knew, more or less ignoring me (who knew none of them) and letting me sink lower and lower in my chair to improve audibility

between them. The conversation started, as I remember, with Stoppard asking John Wells how Eleanor Bron was getting along.
"Oh, she's fine, " said John.

"She's acting up in Newcastle, in a play with John Fortune ... "She's terribly good," said Stoppard.
"I think John Fortune's

rather good, too," said Wells. "Yes, he's very good," said Stoppard.

Incidentally," said Wells, "did I hear you were doing some work with Jonathan Miller? I've always wanted to work with Jonathan."

"Isn't he wonderful?" said Stoppard. "Yes. nothing is fixed hut I hope to he getting together with him soon ..."
Sickening, isn't it? I felt rather

as if I were Enid Blyton who had got caught up with the existentialist mob at Jean-Paul Sartre's table and couldn't even catch the waiter's eye to get the hill and the hell out. But then something happened that made me change my mind. By the time lunch was halfway through, there was a full between the two, almost as if they had now run out of mutual acquaintances to discuss, almost as if, even for such mcn-ahout-London as these, there was a limit to the amount of people they knew. So they started filling in a hit of hackground detail about the people they'd already talked about, with Wells asking first: "So, when did you first run

into Eleanor Bron? There was a small silence. "Oh," said Stoppard, "I've never actually met her, but I



knew you and she were colleagues, so I just thought I'd inquire. Incidentally, you and Jonathan Miller ... how well do you know him?'

"Not at all," said Wells, "it was just that I'd heard that you and he might he collaborating, so I was naturally curious ...

During the first half of lunch the two of them had cemented a new friendship, using as cement the names and doings of their well-known friends. Then they had suddenly discovered they had no friends in common at all, and the second half of hinch was spent unravelling the new friendship, with the cement turning to dust all over the floor, and only me there as a silent chronicler to witness this Stoppardian situation, right down to the moment when the two of them left lunch and departed, the best of strangers.

Was it then that I got the idea have been. Anyway, I have finally written the play and it is on in London for a brief run (until 18 November) at the Southwark Playbouse and, ves. this has turned belatedly into a naked plug for a product, but if it takes me 30 years to write each

play, I won't get many chances. Meanwhile, it would be nice if John Wells and Tom Stoppard came to see the play, though perhaps not on the same night. I'm not sure I could sit through

that conversation again.

Edward Lister argues that his borough's pilot voucher scheme will give power to parents

# Choice begins in the nursery

Choice is loday the most overworked word in the politican's vocabulary. Nowhere is it used more freely than in the education debate.

Education spokesmen from all the parties will say they are in favour of choice. But the furore that re-emerged yester-day over the Government's new vouchers plan for the parents of have some way to go before we are all speaking the same language.

In Wandsworth we know exactly what we mean by choice. It is not a spin doctor's soundbile but rather a simple philosophy that flows from one central premise: it is parents who have the real power to drive up standards in our schools. In our borough the pilot scheme will give parents of 3,300 four-year-olds vouchers worth £1,100.

At present we still do not have an education system in this country that puts the parent in control. We have a highly structured system that is the result of decades of central planning and weak-knee-ed deference to the teaching unions. The Government has made

great strides towards increasing parental choice. The national curriculum, testing and the publication of school results are all designed to give parents more infor-mation about their schools than was

ever possible hefore. With core subjects guaranteed and greater openness bringing improved accountability, schools have been encouraged to diversify. In Wandsworth we now have only one old-style comprehensive secondary school. All the others are offering specialisms that emphasise their own distinctive edu-

cational approach. All of these gains have been fought every step of the way by the unions and their soulmates in the Labour Party. It's the same unholy alliance that is now crying foul over the vouchers scheme.
What are they so afraid of? After

all, they say they believe in parental choice. But of course they want that choice to be restricted to the current limited range of school types. They do not want poor teachers removed nor failing schools closed. They are afraid of anything that smacks of specialisa-

tion or the dreaded selection. While the debate centres on class sizes and surplus places in existing



schools it will continue to miss the

point. For if we are ever to meet par-

enis' proper demands for the right sort

of education for their children, then

we need more schools. That means

new schools of every different type and

size. We need different schools in

different premises run by different

owners. There's only one way to fuel

this expansion: by giving parents back

the money the state takes from them

for their child's education. That's

But this genuine marketplace of

schools will also need a new attitude

from Whitehall. Civil servants who

have spent their careers counting pupil

numbers will have to ease off. It is no

good giving parents a voucher and then

what vouchers are all about.

never be the same again. The education service is the last hig nationalised industry. Schools are already funded according to precise calculations of pupil numbers. They are now ready to take the next obvious step and receive their funding direct from the customer. The transfer of funds from the

It's no good giving parents a voucher then saying it can only be used in the school their children already go to

saying it can only be used in the school their children already go to. Creating a climate in which new state to the parent would be irreproprietors are encouraged to open versible. It would benefit all parents new establishments will send shock - not just those who can afford to pay waves through the existing well pronow but those for whom there is no tected system. There will be no hiding real choice under the present arrangeplace for the failing school.

The influence of the leaching unions The voucher as a symbol of parental now fear. and their ability to obstruct change will choice will be immensely powerful. For

many parents it will be the first time they have been given any degree of control over their children's schooling. We don't need to create a new wave of Elons and Harrows. Parents' new buying power will, if unfettered by excessive controls, unleash new types of school that we have never previously seen in this country. Schools set

up specifically to meet the needs of a particular sector of the market. The current opposition to the first phase of the nursery education voucher scheme is predictable. For the Labour party it is scarcely surprising that they should he so fearful of putting power in the hands of parents when even the modest Assisted Places Scheme attracts their venom. Meanwhile the LEA chairmen, it seems, are

afraid parents might not choose their Well, that is what choice is about. Trusting parents is a risky business. They might not act the way we all want them to. That's what the people who run education in our local authorities

But, if LEA schools are offering a

high-quality service that is well regarded in the community, they will have little to fear. Indeed the most successful schools always find the threat of competition invigorating. The scheme is unnecessarily

hureaucratic, some cry. Well, that teacher haso't said the same about every new procedure. The same was said about et every poll is what parents want. One of the reasons my council has been keen to be among the pioneers is to have first-hand experience of how it will work in practice. We will be able to ensure that our own schools are fully geared up for the challenge.

We have our marketing strategy in place. Equally important will be the fresh spotlight thrown on the 130 or so independent providers already active in the borough. It will be a vital test of the publicity proramme announced yesterday for parents to have access to information about every possible establishment providing nursery education in their area. The voucher, in common

with almost every other Conservative education reform, will eventually win the backing of all parties. Once politicians see how popular is this transfer of power to the parent they will need no encouragement to join the bandwagon. Owning a voucher will be just

as natural as owning shares in BT. The next few months will show just how streamlined we can make the process of issuing and redeeming vouchers. But the real test is the test of nerve that is still to come.

For if we stop here we will have achieved very little. We must extend the voucher entitlement throughout the school system and - crucially - we must examine the obstacles that still stand in the way of opening new schools. How easy do we want to make it for new providers to emerge? How protective vill we be of existing institutions?

Vouchers on their own will not he enough to bring about the real explosion in choice that we are seeking. They will have the effect of changing forever the power relationship between parents and head teachers. But parents will be frustrated if we only provide them with half-choices.

The writer is leader of Wandsworth

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way

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# obituaries/gazette

# Alan Bush

There was one extra-musical fact that dominated the career of Alan Bush, a fact that alienated and antagonised: his staunch and paid-up membership of the Communist Party. If the bourgeois musical world ac-cused him of sacrificing the purity of art to ideology, then ironically enough it simultaneously refused to forget his polincs when it judged his music. But Bush himself was neither

a compromiser nor a relenter. He was not a romantic socialist, like Rutland Boughton and the folk-song revivalists, but a hard-line subscriber to a rigid Marxism which put the requirements of the revolutionary proletariat at the head of the composer's responsibilities. The result, however, was not the brash and brassy populism that one might expect.

Bush was something of a wunderkind and in the 1920s it looked as though he might become Britain's first great international planist - he studied with three of the most distinguished teachers of the interwar years, Benno Moiseiwitsch. Tobias Matthay and Artur Schnabel - hut composition won out, and from six years of lessons



Photograph: Camera Press

with John Ireland he learnt the sophisticated and restrained craftsmanship which marked his music from the beginning. A work of 1929 for string quartet, Dialectic, has a tightness and austerity of organisation remarkable for a period of English music when fulsome lyricism was the norm.

In the early Thirties he stud-ied philosophy and musicology in Berlin, and the experience proved a turning-point. It was here that he came into close contact with Bertold Brecht

ence radicalised his political leanings: back in England he joined the Communist Party in 1935 and founded the Workers' Music Association, for which he did sterling work as a conductor. There were still contradictions. His Symphony in C (1939) portrayed in its three movements the bourgeoisie, the sufferings of the working class, and its final trinmph, but not in an idiom calculated to appeal to During the Second World

War, Bush was ostracised, and Vaughan Williams once threatened to sever all links with the BBC unless they lifted a ban on the broadcasting of an avowed Communist's music. In the later Forties, he was an enthusiastic visitor to Stalin's Soviet Union and was deeply shaken by the infamous decree of Stalin's controller of culture, Andrei Zhdanov, in 1948 against "for-malism" and "dissonance" in modern music. "Who accused you of formalism?" he was later asked. "I accused myself," he replied; a remark that speaks olumes about both his isolation in Britain and his monastic severity of temperament.

Williams was thinking when he He resolved to simplify and paid his candid tribute to Bush on his 50th hirthday. "Alan won a prize in the 1951 Festi-val of Britain opera competition Bush has rather fantastic notions of the nature and purpose of the Fine Arts. Luckily for us, sional performance in his home when the inspiration comes over him he forgets all about tains rousing choruses as well as this and remembers only the one eternal rule for all artists, To thine own self be true'." Bush, needless to say, would have demurred.

Rapert Christianse

Alan Dudley Bush, composer. conductor, planist: born Dulwich 22 December 1900; Professor of Composition, Royal Academy of Music 1925-78; con-ductor, London Labour Choral Union 1929-40; founder, Work-ers' Music Association 1936, President 1941-76; served Royal Army Medical Corps 1941-45: Chairman, Composers Guild of Great Britain 1947-48; author Strict Counterpoint in Palestrina Style 1948, In Seventh Decade 1970, In My Eighth Decade and Other Essays 1980; married 1931 Nancy Head (died 1991; two daughters, and one daughter deceased); died Watford 31 achievement that Vanghan October 1995.

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burnt down again in 1941, She

failed to locate the hoard of sil-

ver which she had buried in the

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ber of people who remembered

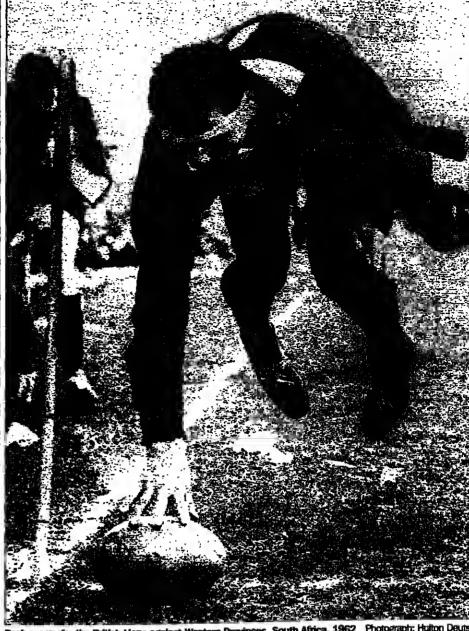
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ther's grave looted and the

On her return to Cornwall,

family chapel collapsed.

ain the answers would bring. She found her house destroyed



Pask scores for the British Lions against We

# Zofia Ilinska

On the evening Zofia Ilinska was horn, in what was then the Polish city of Wilno, her father went to church and prayed with such intensity that he was locked in all night. Her life after that was never short of drama. She witnessed a string of episodes which might have made a lesser spirit cautious or hitter, but in her case served only to sharpen her courage, her innate sense of adventure, and the resolve to celebrate the world through her poetry.

On her mother's side, Ilinska was descended from O'Rourkes who had fled Ireland in the 17th century. One branch ended up near Nowogrodek in the west of Russia and it was into this region, one of those perpetually fought-over, eth-nically ambiguous pockets of eastern Europe, that Zofia Brochocka was born,

Her early years were austere. The family house had heen burnt down during the Polish-Soviet war and the land around it was devoid of horses, cattle, grain, almost any food at all; Zofia's mother fed her on goat's milk while her father, Aleksander Brochocki, started to re- Moseley, an American diplobuild the house. They lived simply; there was never elec-tricity, and furniture was built south coast of Cornwall. So takfrom the birch forests. that surrounded the estate.

The death of Aleksander Zyw

reduces still further the surviv-

ing band of distinguished artists

born in Poland who enriched

British culture by their work and

presence from the 1940s, Zyw

was a member of the same

generation as Feliks Topolski

and Josef Herman, born a

decade later than Henrik Gotlib

and Jankel Adler. Zyw's dis-

tinctive contribution to Euro-

pean art began in the 1950s in

works which were meditations

Zvw was born at Lida (then

in Poland, now in Belarus) in

1905. He studied law and art his-

tory at university in Warsaw be-

fore going on to the Academy

on nature's forms and forces.

She was 17 when, in September 1939, Soviet tanks rolled into eastern Poland. With hours to spare, she, her mother (her father had died in 1934), and her two brothers escaped on farm carts. For three days they manocuvred through the forest, keeping just ahead of the advance, and crossed the Lithuanian border with hullets splintering the side of the carts. Arriving in Britain, Zofia

began to improve her English. Within a few years she had earned a degree in English literature from Reading University. She was already writing verse, but on her 21st hirthday remembered throwing herself on her hed, driven to tears by the thought that Byron was al-ready an established poet by her age. Despite this, she managed during the war to publish, in

Polish, two volumes of poetry. In 1943, while working at the Polish section of the BBC, she married Olgierd Ilinski, a pilot. Within three weeks of the wedding, his plane had been shot down over France. At 23, Zolia flinska was a widow. Two years later, she married Harley mat, and they spent their honen were they by the village that

of Fine Arts, from 1926 to

1932. He then travelled in Eu-

rope, notably to Dalmatia.

Greece and Italy, before settling

in France in 1934, and estab-

lishing a studio in Paris. At this

time he specialised in land-

scape, working both in oils and

other media. In 1939 he enlist-

ed in the Polish army in France.

For the next 30 years, they lived as hotel-keepers.

Ilinska grew to love her adopted home. She was happy to have found in Cornwall a landscape which acted upon her in the way that the forest and the river Niemen had done in Poland. She was unsparing in the time she gave to others, to her family, to the hundreds of people who passed through St Mawes. All who came across her felt drawn in by a rare and rewarding quality of warmth.

Perhaps it was thus to her life that she gave the greater part of her art, and not to her poetry. Yet she always wrote; she wrote - in English now - about those who came to her hotels; she wrote about Cornwall; she wrote about her son who was 22 when he was killed in a car accident; she wrote a poem called "Aikichi Kuboyama" (translated into three languages) about a Japanese fisherman, the first victim of the hydrogen bomh: In water-lapping dactyls water

splashes Against the beart, against the tarstained bow. Aikichi Kuboyama died of ashes.

She wrote about her own cancer, and she translated T.S. Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral into Polish. Her work was the Moscley bought its two hotels. had a meticulous regard for Photograph: Nick Wesolowski

Aleksander Zyw

technique and an unusually lyrical sense of the language, astonishing in someone for whom English was not her native

communicate more broadly.

His first opera, Wat Tyler, which

but failed to secure a profes-

country for over 20 years, con-

a generally more relaxed and ac-

cessible style of melody and har-

mony. As well as several

attractive chamber and instru-

mental works, there followed a

hallad on the Aldermaston marches, songs for the "Asian

Struggle", as well as an opera on the trade-union martyr Joe

Hill. It is significant that this mn-

sic had far more exposure in

East Germany than it ever

found anywhere further west.

ure with a penetrating gaze and somewhat unbending man-

ner. His sincerity and integrity

could not be doubted, but the

unbendingness reaches into his music, too, for all its economy and intelligence. Perhaps his

masterpiece is the Violin Con-

certo of 1948, a work as beau-

tiful and refined as any in the

genre since Walton's. It was

surely of this level of his

Bush was an impressive fig-

Contented though she was in exile. Ilinska remained essentially Polish and always curious about her old home. After Yalta, the land around the Niemen had become part of the Soviet Union and all her attempts to visit it, even to receive news, had falled. But in 1992, after 53 ears, she returned to the newindependent republic of Belarus. It was a harrowing journey but one that she treat-

ed with her usual open-

mindedness; it was, to her,

more important to answer the

she started to raise money to restore the chapel, and in summer 1994 went back to Belarus for its re-opening. In her speech she explained to the villagers that

the chapel was dedicated to the memory of her father, but that, as a place of worship, it was for them; she told them that her family would never return, that the world she had known there had gone forever. In restoring the chapel, she believed that she had somehow fulfilled berself: that she had, in her own words, "closed the circle".

Philip Marsden

Zofia Aleksandra Brochocka, poet: born Wilno, Poland 29 October 1921; books include The Idle Rocks 1972, Horo-scope of the Moon 1992; mar-ried 1943 Olgierd Ilinks! (died 1943), 1945 Harley Moseley (died 1982; one daughter, and one son deceased); died St Austell, Comwall 30 October 1995.

### Alun Pask

Given how exceptionally gifted a player Alun Pask was, there was a curious sense of unfulfil-ment about his rugby career. He was one of the great forwards of the Sixties and, hriefly, a distinguished captain of Wales but was contentiously denied the ultimate honour of leading the

If ever there were a rugby player ahead of his time it was Pask, who gave expression to a sense of athleticism and hallhandling skill quite out of keeping with the norm during his own era, though these days rather commonplace. There was no finer sight in the game than Pask, 6ft 3in and 15st, in full cry with the ball clutched in one hand in a manner which came to be associated with the Fijians. Indeed his capacity as fastest men in rugby, thereby savan attacking forward sometimes gave rise to doubts about his willingness to perform the more prosaic defensive duties, though there were a number of notable international occasions when he gave the lie to this

misconception. Pask came out of the dour school of Monmouthshire rughy, was a Welsh Secondary Schools international in 1955 and then had his skills refined at Loughborough Colleges, an eminent rugby academy which has nurtured international players for all the home countries. For a time he was unable to win selectorial favour but eventually after being a travelling reserve on 13 occasions made his Wales debut as a late replacement flanker against France in Paris in 1961, scoring a try. He went on to win 26 caps, all hut two in his preferred position of No 8. It did not take him long to

win wider favour. He was a Liou in South Africa in 1962, playing in the first three Tests but missing the fourth because of a cracked rih and earned a worthy reputation as a cerebral type of player reliant more on pace coupled with tactical and positional sense than on brute force,

rapier as opposed to hludgeon. His versatility was such that he could catch and kick as well as any back - a rare accomplishment for a Sixties forward - but if he is remembered for one event more than any other it is his cover-tackle on the French wing Henri Rancoule in the 1962 game in Cardiff. It was, as one account put it, "a spectac-ular piece of self-advertisement" when Pask turned to give chase and then caught one of the ing the game for Wales (who won 3-0) and propelling himself into the Lions tour party.

By 1965 Pask was the Welsh pack leader in the team captained by Clive Rowlands which beat England, Scotland and Ircland to win the Triple Crown for the first time in 13 years, capturing the imagination when he took over with complete assurance as emergency full-back against the Irish.

When Rowlands was dropped in 1966, Pask was the obvious choice as successor and, accompanied by two other players from the Abertillery club, Haydn Morgan and Allan Lewis, he led Wales to victories over England and Scotland, scoring a memorable try at Twickenham with a swallowdive to the corner which was immortalised in a widely reproduced photograph.

With Wales two-thirds of

the way to another Triple Crown, Pask was the clear favourite to captain the Lions in Australia and New Zealand at the end of that season but his prospects instantly evapo-rated when Wales lost narrowly in Ireland and the home win over France that followed made no difference.

Pask made the tour, but only as a humble lieutenant. At the time Wales had notoriously never had a Lions captain and he was widely presumed in the Principality to have been the vic-tim of a hidden selection agenda. Indeed the choice of Mike Campbell-Lamerton of Scot-land in preference to Pask was shown to be misconceived when Campbell-Lamerton could not hold his Test place, though for the games against New Zealand in Wellington and Auckland it was another Welshman, David Watkins, rather than Pask who was given the captaincy.

This was the beginning of a rapid deterioration in Pask's fortunes. He continued to captain Wales in the next season but after two more matches the leadership was passed to Watkins. under whom Pask played one match before the shock of the early death of his brother David persuaded him to retire there and then, aged only 29.

Steve Bale

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Alun Edward Islwyn-Pask, rugby footballer: born Blackwood, Monmouthshire 10 September 1937; Welsh international 1961-67 (26 caps, captain 6 times): British Isles tours to South Africa 1962 (3 Tests), Australia and New Zealand 1966 (5 Tests), died Blackwood, Gwent 1 November

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

GIFFORD: Margaret Lactitia [Letty], widow of Charles, Peacefully after a short illness, on 2 November 1995, at Aldeburgh Hospital, Suffolk, Sadly missed by her children Patrick, John, Mary, William and Andrew, her grandchildren and her many friends, Funeral at Aldeburgh Parish Chunch, on Friday 10 November at 1pm. Followed by a Wake in the Church Hall, All welcome, Donations if desired to Jubitee Opera, c'o Aldeburgh Cinema, 51 High Street, Aldeburgh, MENDELs Thomas Owen, necessible.

MENDEL: Thomas Owen, peacefully, at home, on 31 October, aged \$7, much-loved husband of his late wife Val and dear father of Tom, Service val and dear failer of tort. Service at St Michael's and All Angels, Wey-hill Road, Andower, at 1 lam, Thesday 7 November, followed by cremation. Flowers (If desired L. Undertakers Messrs Halcrow, Andower, telephone 01264 335255, RIP.

PASHLEY: David George, suddenly, on Sunday 29 October 1995, aged 50: Head of Business Administration, Thames Television International, since 1982. Dearly loved and deeply mourned by his family and the many who enjoyed the warmth of his friendwho enjoyed the warmth of his friend-ship and affection, and for whom his death brings an irreplaceable loss. Pri-vate funeral at Newport, Isle of Wight, today, 3 November, Family flowers only please. Donations if de-sired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o William Hall, Funeral Dinectors, Springbank, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO3n 0JX.

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in which he served until the French surrender. He then escaped to Britain, and rejoined the Polish army.

Forthcoming

Dr D. E. H. Edgerton and Dr C. A. Elliott

marriages

Birthdays

Zyw was appointed as war artist to the Polish forces, a joh which he carried out with considerable success. He served in Britain, went across the Atlantic, took part in the Normandy in-

The engagement is announced be-

tween David, elder son of the late Mr Herbert Edgerton and of Mrs Alicia Edgerton, of Bristol, and Claire,

daughter of the late Mr Andrew

Ellion and of Mrs Ruth Elliott, of

Mr Adam Ant, rock singer, 41; Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, former govern-ment minister, 61; Mr John Barry.

musician and composer, 62; Mr John Biffen MP, former government min-

ister, 65; Mr Charles Bronson, actor, 73; Mr Nicholas Budgen MP, 58; The Earl of Caithness, former Minister of State for Transport, 47; Mr Fran-cis Cook MP, 60; Sir Kenneth Cor-

tey, former chief executive. Joseph

mer prima ballerina. 70: Mr Rov

Emerson, Iennis player, 59; Mrs Jean Floud, former Principal, Newn-

ham College, Camhridge, 80, Mr Michael Gallemore, former Editor. Sporting Life, 51; Sir Philip Goodhart, former MP, 70; Mr John Heppell MP,

47; Mr Larry Holmes, heavyweight boxing champion, 46; Sir Ludovic

Kennedy, writer and broadcaster, 76; Sir Christopher Leaver, wine mer-chant, and former Lord Mayor of London, 58; Viscount Linley, furni-ture designer, 34; Lulu (Marie

Lawrie), singer, 47; Maj-Gen Vis-count Monckton of Brenchley,

banker, 80; Mr Kenneth Morgan, for-mer trade-union leader, 67; Mr

Conor Cruise O'Brien, editor, author and politician, 78; The Hon Michael

Pakenham, diplomat, 52; Sir Timo-

thy Raison, former MP and govern-ment minister, 66; Mr James Reston,

vasion and reached Belgium. He worked mainly on small drawings in ink and wash, recording the everyday routines of soldiers, as well as scenes of more significant military events. A set of drawings in a similar style and technique was published in 1945, as Edinburgh as Seen by an Artist. Edinburgh became his main home after the end of the war until the 1960s, when be began to spend an increasing amount of time at his house and

studio in Italy. After the war Zyw married Leslie Goddard; they settled in Dean Village, in Edinburgh. He established a firm reputation as a Scottish painter, drawing on

author and newspaperman, 86; Mr Albert Reynolds, former Irish prime

minister (Taoiseach), 62; Mr Nick Simper, rock musician, 49; Mr Van-

ni Treves, senior partner, Macfar-lanes, and chairman BBA Group, 55;

Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster,

former Flag Officer, Plymouth, 63.

Births: Karl Baedeker, guide-book

publisher, 1801; Vincenzo Bellini, op-eratic composer, 1801; André-

Georges Mairaux, writer and politician, 1901. Deaths: Annie Oak-

ley, entertainer and markswoman 1926; Henri-Emile Benoit Matisse.

painter, 1954. On this day: the Act

of Supremacy was passed, making the king head of the English Church,

1534; Laika, the Russian space dog, was sent into space in Sputnik II, 1957. Today is the Feast Day of St Amicus, St Hubert, St Malachy of Armagh,

St Martin de Porres, St Pirminus, St Rumwald and St Winifred or

National Gallery: Mari Griffith,

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decoration of Japanese textiles",

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drai at 11.30am on Wednesday 8 May 1996. The Queen and the Duke of

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Order, will be present.
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the British Empire

Anniversaries

his pictures "jewelled and rich in colour and figures", so de-scribed by Douglas Hall, the Keeper of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. But his most remarkable pictures were still to come, when in the 1950s he began work in a more austere way, taking objects as points of departure for sombre and abstracted imagery; at first pebbles, clinker and olive wood, in pale colours, greys, hrowns, blue-greys and blue-greens. An important series of nearly 100 works was devoted to water, inspired by the River Leith, of which some were shown at the Talbot Rice Gallery in Edin-

holders of the British Empire Medal

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ed seating capacity in St Paul's

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France and Italy for inspiration,

painted between 1976 and 1980, was a further example of his individual interpretation of elements and natural forms. The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, where his work is rightly well repre-

hurgh in "An Instant of Water"

in 1975; and a series on air,

sented, honoured him in 1986 with an exhibition of which the catalogue is called Aleksander Zyw: The Nature of Painting. Joseph Darracott

Aleksander Zyw; artist: born Lida,

Poland 14 September 1905; mar-ried Leslie Goddard (two sons); died Castagneto Carducci, Italy 17 September 1995.

#### Wife unable to prevent sale of home by bank Barclays Bank v Hendricks and LAW REPORT

another; Chancery Division (Mr Justice Laddie); 19 October 1995

A wife with young children is unable to prevent the sale of the former matrimonial home by her husband's creditor if the husband's interest in the home

itor and she is unable to show

exceptional circumstances Mr Justice Laddie dismissed an appeal by the second defendant, Kathy Joyce Hendricks, from deputy Master Powell's order that the defendants' former matrimonial home be sold for not less than £200,000 and that the defendants deliver to the bank

possession of the property.

The bank was owed sums of money by the first defendant who was married to but separated from the second defendant. The first defendant had moved out of the matrimonial home into another house owned by the second defendant. A charging order absolute had been made and the bank obtained the deputy Mas-ter's order under section 30 of the Law of Property Act 1925 for the sale of the home. On a sale and after discharging sums due under a mortgage and other costs, the bank would recover £20,000 or 20 per cent of

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did not wish to move to the other house, appealed against the order on the ground that the court should exercise its dishas been charged to the credcretion to defer sale until the two children of the marriage

> Michael Sullivan (Harry 1. Alkin & Co) for the bank: Nicholas Yell (Steven Fisher & Co) for the second

Mr Justice Laddie said that it followed from Lloyds Bank v Byme (1991) 23 HLR 472, which referred extensively to Re Citro [1990] 3 WLR 880, that the interests of the charges would prevail over those of the spouse save in exceptional circumstances. Re Halliday (a bankrupi) [1980] 3 All ER 384 could be distinguished as a case where there were exceptional circumstances which justified the innocent spouse's interests prevailing over those

of the trustee in hankruptcy. In Re Citro and Lloyds Bank " Byme the courts held that the houses were held by the spouses on trust for sale subject to a collateral purpose that it should be their matrimonial home. In order to be so enjoyed it

The second defendant, who must be occupied by the spouses jointly. The purpose could only exist while the spouses were not only joint occupiers of the home but joint owners of it as well. Once that collat-

eral purpose had disappeared, there was nothing left to prereached 18 or finished full-time education. vent the interests of the trustee in hankruptcy or the chargee from being pre-eminent. It was apparent that the only collateral purpose on

which the second defendant could rely, namely that the house was to be retained as the matrimonial home, had ceased to exist both because the first defendant was no longer living there and, more importantly, because the first defendant's interest as co-owner had been charged to the hank. He had therefore alienated his interest in the home. It followed that the second defendant must show the existence of exceptional circumstances if her desire to remain in the house was to prevail over the bank's wish

The second defendant was in a comparatively favourable position. She had another house which she owned and moving would not even involve the children in changing schools.

There were no exceptional circumstances here. The recovery by the bank of some 20 per cent of its deht could not be dismissed as trivial. The bank was entitled to an order which

would allow it to sell the house. The period before the innocent spouse had to give up possession should be such as to allow sufficient time to facilitate departure without adding unnecessarily to the distress and dislocation which would be suffered. However, any such period should be as short as possible and any period more than a few weeks should be avoided if it was likely to cause significant hardship to the chargee. The order would require the second defendant to vacate the house by the end of the second week in January 1996 so as to enable a move

over the school holidays. There was no doubt that the court had power to remove the restriction on the sale price if it felt that that was appropriate. It would not be appropriate to remove the limit on the sale price now. However if a sale at or above the limit could not be achieved the property would be sold for such other figure as was agreed between the bank and the second

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INBRIEF

Banks in the City of London are "sweeping crime under the car-

pet" and failing to report fraud to the police to avoid embar-

rassment and harming their reputations, financial investigators

revealed yesterday. Many of the hanks are still being duped by criminals using simple frauds, which have been known about for years, said William Taylor, Commissioner of the City of Lon-

don Police. Mr Taylor was speaking at the launch of an anti-fraud

campaign, called Fraudstop, to help City financial organisations prevent crime. Last year the value of fraud cases handled by the

Serious Fraud Office and the Crown Prosecution Service was

The rising tide of cheap clothing imports from the Far East, east-

em Europe, and Mediterranean countries has claimed 600 jobs

row over Budget cuts that will hit direct government spending on roads. Companies involved include Amec, Alfred McAlpine,

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Banks 'failing to report fraud'

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Trafalgar House, Wimpey and Morrison.

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# Lang clears Norweb takeover

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lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday cleared North West Water's £1.83bn agreed hid for Norweh, after overruling John Bridgeman, the new Director General of Fair Trading,

Mr Bridgeman wanted the deal referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, contrary to the views of the water and electricity regulators. One of the grounds for a reference put forward hy Mr Bridgeman, suffering his first sethack after only a month in the job, was that he was concerned about managerial efficiency in the new organisation. Mr Lang said: "I have curefully considered the director



Sir Desmond Pitcher: Firm's assurances eased takeover

agerial efficiency, hut I do not accept this as a reason for referring the merger. The OFT refused to give any

by North West, chaired by Sir

Desmond Pitcher, which yes-both regulatory and competition cerns over the North West Water bid. Neither would it say terday had 45 per cent of Norwhether it was referring to the web, four days ahead of the closing date on Monday. risk that the management could not cope with the new organi-Mr Lang's decision to overrule his new director general sational structure after the

was also based on his concern merger, the first between a waabout the problems of regulatter and electricity utility. DTI sources said that the ing the combined water and OFT's concern arose because electricity utility, and the possible barriers it would build to this was the first multi-utility merger, which it regarded as an entry by other companies into "unknown beast" the husinesses.

Top of the list of promises giv-en to Mr Lang by North West The announcement is bound to reinforce the City view that Water as a condition of cleurthe remaining two electricity hids awaiting clearance - Pow-erGen for Midlands Electriciance is that it will ensure there are sufficient financial and managerial resources to allow the ty and National Power for Southern – will also be waved regulated water and electricity husinesses to fulfil their statutory functions.

through.
Professor Stephen Lit-tlechild, head of Ofwat, and lan Mr Lang's decision clears Byatt, his opposite number at the last obstacle to the takeover water, opposed a reference on

grounds. They told Mr Lang that the problems could be tackled through licence amendments. North West Water has given assurances to satisfy these concerns - which are the subject of detailed agreements with

> the regulators. The assurances include ring fencing of the regulated husi-nesses, a proper flow of information to the regulators and a promise that there will he sufficient financial and managerial resources allocated to them so they can carry out their

statutory obligations. North West Water has agreed that charges made to the individual electricity and water concerns by a proposed joint billing and services company will be checked - through market testing - against the going rate fur

is among conditions that will be reflected in regulatory licence amendments.

The approval marks a continuation of Mr Lang's policy of allowing open season on electricity company takeovers. However, he reiterated his statement in August - when he cleared the takeover by Southem Group of the US of SWEB. Hanson of Eastern, and ScottishPower of Manweh - that all the power hids would be considered case by case.

The rebuff for Mr Bridgeman is the first to the OFT since February when Michael Heseltine ignored the advice of the then director general, Sir Bryan Carsberg, 10 refer the Hashro takeover of Waddington. Sir Bryan's advice was overturned three times during his tenure.

# Lottery sets back growth in economy

DIANE COYLE **Economics Correspondent** 

Lottery fever has slowed the sace of economic growth over the past nine months, it

emerged yesterday.

The National Lottery has taken billions of pounds out of the economy and has cut into spending on other items. The latest official statistics show that in the first half of this year spending on entertainment and recreations such as cinemas and trips to leisure centres, confectionery sales and sales of soft drinks all fell significantly.

7 (1 104) 1.0013 1.0013 1.0013 1.0014 The Treasury, responding to new research by a City of London economist, admitted that the Lottery had been very much sumer spending. pected and must have reduced the economy's growth. But it ludest Latest Yr Ago Best Figs was impossible to quantify ex-150.6 3.9pc 2.6 16 Nov 106.6 2.4pc 4.1 20 Nov actly what its impact had been.

"It is pretty much anybody's guess what the significance of the effect is," a spokesman said. He said it was "a bit far- tres - was 7.5 per cent lower fetched" to suggest that any change in policy was required just because of the Lottery.

However, David Mackie, economist at the merchant bank JP Morgan, said vesterday that he estimated the Lottery accounted for a third of the fall in growth from about 4 per cent last year to less than 2.5 per cent

in the most recent quarter. "Billions have been taken out of the economy and put into the bank. People have been very reluctant to acknowledge the truth of this," Mr Mackie said.

Sales of Lottery tickets since the launch on 19 November 1994 have amounted to nearly £3.3bn, Of this £1.6bn has been given back in prizes, but little of this money has been spent. Winners have put most of it in the bank.

Another £1hn is sitting in the National Lottery Distribution Fund. It could take another year

before significant amounts are disbursed from the fund to ood causes. Only £50m has been distributed so far, with the rest meanwhile helping to keep down the Government's bor-

rowing requirement this year. Peter Westaway, an economist at the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, one of the leading independent research groups, agreed. 'Growth must be lower because of the Lottery," he said. Earlier this week Lloyds

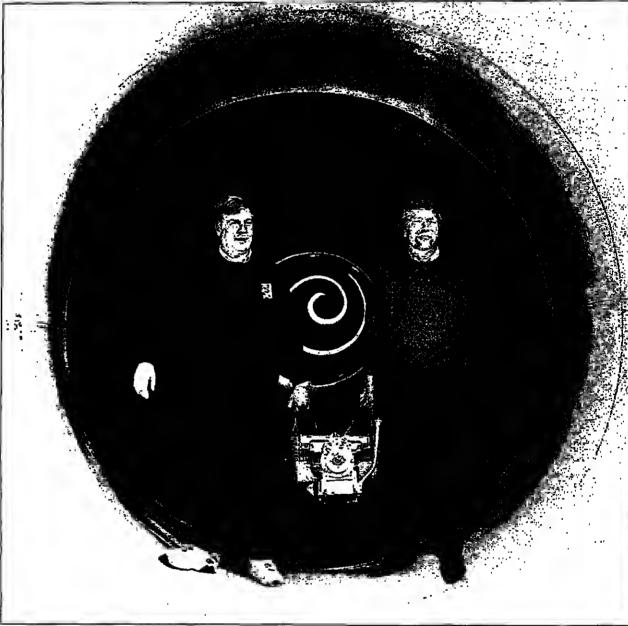
Bank's chief cconomist said flutters on the National Lottery had cut retail sales growth by up to 2 per cent. Lottery spending is not counted in retail sales figures but is part of total con-

ed categories of consumer spending. For example, the latest available official statistics show that in the first half of this year spending on entertainment and recreations - such as cinemas and trips to leisure centhan in the same period last year. Confectionery sales fell 2 er cent and sales of soft drinks by 0.7 per cent.

Charities estimate that contributions they have received since the Lottery started are about £275m down on what they would otherwise have been,

On Wednesday Baird Menswear Brands, a clothing firm in Hartlepool, blamed the Lottery for a sales downturn that led it to cut 290 jobs. Clothing and footwear sales have risen modestly in the latest three months, according to retail sales figures, but by less

than overall retail spending. Recent statistics have confirmed that the slowdown in the economy has continued, especially in manufacturing. Some economists have begun to argue that interest rate cuts are now required to stimulate the econ-



Per Lindstrand, the balloon designer, and Richard Branson, head of Virgin Group, spent the day in Derby yesterday at the Rolls Royce Aero Engines plant. A team from Rolls is helping them design, huild and test a miniature engine that will

### Branson goes global

power their life-support system during a planned two-week circumnavigation of the globe in a balloon. They will travel in a pressurised steel capsule at up

to 35,000 feet, and be propelled by the jct stream to speeds of as much as 250 mph. The balloonists previously

that ended in a crash-landing in the sea off the coast of Ireland. But Mr Branson insists that the current project will be meticulously planned. The trip is scheduled to start by late courted disaster during a dan-

gerous trans-Atlantic crossing

## **Cordiant confirms** rights issue plans

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Cordiant, the holding company on February 12, rather than the original date, January 16. Mrs that owns Saatchi & Saatchi. confirmed yesterday that a rights issue was "imminent" and was "a top priority" for the struggling advertising group.

But insiders insisted that no terms had yet been agreed on the size and structure of the issue, signalling that estimates that they would seek to raise as much as £133m were too high. "It is too early to say what the

share-to-share ratio will be," a spokesman said. "Therefore, the amounts are not set." Shares in the company closed unchanged yesterday at 84p, hovering just above their peak

for the year. Analysts said they expected few share price movements until further news of the size and pricing of the rights issue was available. The newly named chief executive, Bob Seleert, is to exchange his bonus for shares in the issue, to underscore his

commitment to the company. It is believed other senior executives will follow suit. Cordiant, whose name was changed from Saatchi & Saatchi earlier this year, has been suf-

fering ever since the departure of co-founder Maurice Saatehi late last year. The defection of several key clients early in 1995. including Mars, the confectioner, and British Airways. helped to drive earnings down, culminating in a loss of nearly £30m in the first half of the year.

The current management, led by chairman Charlie Scott and Mr Seelert, are looking at ways of cutting costs and winning new business. An injection of fresh equity is believed to be crucial to confirm a recovery in time to benefil from a more buoyani advertising market in 1996. Elections next year in the US and Britain are expected to lead to a looser monetary policy, holstering consumer confidence and sparking an increase in advertising spend.

David Herro, the controversial fund manager who sparked a boardroom battle last year over Mr Saatchi's pay, is to take up a full complement of shares under the rights issue. His fund now owns just under 10 per cent of Cordiant. Other institutioninvestors are expected to follow suit, in order to ride the stock back up in the event that the restructuring ordered by Mr

# Top earnings climb by 8.8%

Fresh evidence that corporate "fat cats" are enjoying increased rewards at a time when other employees are being urged to exercise restraint comes with the publication today of figures showing that top executives' pay rose by 8.8 per cent, more than twice the current inflation

rate, in the past year.

The latest annual report on UK boardroom pay by the remuneration advisers Monks Partnership also shows that the number of top directors earning more than £1m rose by almost 20 per cent, from 16 to 19. Among the newcomers to the million-pound cluh" are Sam Chisholm, chief executive of chairman of the huilders' mer- per cent or more.

chants Wickes; Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman of the industrial conglomerate TI and Sir Ian McLaurin, chairman of Tesco (who has previously enjoyed earnings of about £1m when pension contributions are

taken into account).

The median rise in total earnings for the highest-paid director - usually the chairman or chief executive - reverses the trend of the past five years, when increases declined from 17.3 per cent in 1989 to 5.8 per cent in 1994. However, the rises were not universal. According to the analysis of the annual reports of nearly 1,500 listed mid-September, about a quarter received no increase, while BSkyB; Henry Sweethaum, another quarter received 13

Three-quarters of the highest-paid directors saw their total earnings increase over 1994. The biggest change occurred in building materials and construction, where executives in recent years have seen the smallest increases in total pay. In the past year, their pay rose

an average 12.5 per cent. Ninety per cent of industrial and commercial companies with more than £400m turnover operate annual bonus plans for board directors, although only about half the companies in the study actually paid a bonus. The typical bonus in the industrial sector was 19.2 per cent of companies in circulation in fixed pay, while in the financial sectur it was 23.2 per cent.

However, developments in corporate governance on the back of the Cadhury and Greenhury reports are producing changes to companies incentive plans. About 90 per cent of companies have executive share option schemes, hut increasing numbers are moving towards longer-term incentive plans, which may reward directors with company shares in-

stead of casb. David Atkins, editor of United Kingdom Board Earnings, said the small rise in the number of highest-paid directors earning more than £1m could be attributed to two factors. First, performance criteria used to calculate bonuses were more stringent. Second, more large companies, where the potential million-pound earners are likely to he found, are introducing longer-term plans paying in shares rather than cash.

# MPs ready to attack Bank and SFO

The Serious Fraud Office and the Bank of England are both expected to face criticism from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee report into City regulation that will be published next week. But it will stop short of proposing a radical reform of either.

Close observers say that while the report may appear to a watered-down version of what some members wanted, the fact that there is cross-party criticism at all of both organisations reflects the general dissatisfaction at Westminster with their per-Scott and Mr Select succeeds. formance. One member said:

awaiting this report with some trepidation."

Criticism of the Serious Fraud Office will focus on its handling of the Levitt affair, although there may be veded criticism of its general performance in handling financial fraud. One member, who declined to be named, said yesterday there was a feeling "the SFO lacked confidence and had the look of an organisation shying away from taking on

high-profile prosecutions. The criticism will be measured. "I would like to have seen stronger concern expressed," a

MPs on the committee feel that the SFO"s director, George Staple, put up a weak performance before them earlier this year when he denied he had personally misled the Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell,

over Roger Levitt. Sir Nicholas, taking advice from Mr Staple, told Parliament that no deal had been reached with Mr Levitt, the financier, in the run-up to his trial. It has since been alleged that this was a misleading statement. Mr Levitt was given 180 hours community service after plead-

ing guilty to a minor charge. There is no call for Mr Staple's resignation in the report.

Levitt affair, partly hecause the MPs saw their duty to make observations about the City institutions themselves rather than

the personalities that run them. Criticism of the Bank of England will centre on its handling of the Barings affair. The MPs have considered taking responsibility for supervision away from the Bank but have stopped short of recommending that in

the report. The committee has said that it intends to re-open its inquiries into the Barings affair in the New Year and to a certain extenl is reserving judgement unvice

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at the William Baird textile company. Almost half of the job losses are at the men's suits factory in Hartlepool, one of the UK's worst unemployment blackspots where one in seven are out of work. £400m road contracts awarded The Department of Transport has awarded £400m of road-hullding contracts to three consortiums under the private finance initiative, in a move the Government hopes will counteract a growing

Trial of Nadir aide postponed The trial of Mrs Elizabeth Forsyth, the former aide to Asil Nadir, has been put hack almost a month. It is now scheduled to start

Forsyth has been charged on two counts of handling stolen cash, worth nearly £400,000, in 1989. She denies the charges. House prices continue to rise House prices edged up by 0.1 per cent in October, the third month ma row that they have risen, according to figures from Halifax Building Society yesterday. The increase comes despite a drop of 0.3 per cent for the same month recorded in a separate sur-

#### vey from Nationwide Building Society. Talk Radio investors sell

The North American investors in Talk Radio, the recovering alltalk commercial radio station, are selling their shares at a loss, Leaving Media Ventures International solidly in control. Both Canwest Canwest Canadian backer of one of the failed hids for the new Canwest Canadian backer of one of the IR are sell. Channel 5 licence, and Emmis Broadcasting of the US are selling their 24.5 stakes to MVI. The move follows disagreements over the over the strategic direction of the station and a decision by Can-West to concentrate on broadcast media in the UK.

# Slownern temporary, says forecaster

The storatorn in the economy will be temporary, the London Business of the business of the storage Business School predicts in a new forecast published today. It thinks with the predicts in a new forecast published today. It Units higher exports, investment and consumer spending will make British to the G7 economies next year. make British the fastest-growing of the G7 economies next year. In a forecast more optimistic than many, the LBS says growth will recover to 3.1 per cent after a 2.7 per cent increase in 1995.

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# North West's power pitch proves persuasive Sir Desmond (I-speak-to-the-Prime-Min-ister-at-least-once-a-week) Pitcher,

clearly has to be taken seriously after all. Somehow or other the chairman of North West Water has persuaded Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to go against the advice of the new Director General of Pair Trading and allow North West's ill-judged £1.8bn bid for Norweb to go through without a reference. For the new DG, this is quite a slap in the face. Only four weeks into the job, he has had his first high-profile piece of advice rejected.

On a number of fronts, this is a decision full of little ironies and mysteries. Until now, the Office of Fair Trading has consistently recommended that hids for electricity companies should be cleared. John Bridgeman, new to the job, is entitled to his own view and wants to be seen as his own man. In any case, this is the first cross-utility bid. Even so, it is hard to see why he should turn his back on precedent - the more so because in this case, unlike the others, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, actually swung the other way and recom-

Indeed, in the search for explanations, the Littlechild factor might seem as good as any. Sensing a popular cause, the new directorgeneral, a little wet behind the ears, must have taken the view that the thing to do was the opposite of what the electricity regulanted. Seriously though, in the absence of any adequate explanation of what either ously judging by some recent DTI decisions.

the OFT's or the Secretary of State's thinking on all this is, it is only possible to spec-

Certainly what was being said by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday failed to cast much light on the darkness. Barriers to entry, regulatory issues, and concern about "management efficiency" were cited as the reasons the OFT wanted a reference. But as to what any of these things meant, the OFT hid behind the usual con-

The DTI was a little more on liging but not much. If anything, concern about "management efficiency" seems to be a veiled warning that Sir Desmond and his crew might not be able to cope with managing both a water and an electricity utility.

Given the high price Sir Desmond has been forced to pay to secure utility domi-nation of the North-west, there may be something in this.
To make this deal work, North West has

to push through deep, deep cost cuts. There is doubt that the joint facilities management operation foreseen, a company that will lie outside the regulated structure of both industries, will be up to the joh.

Even so, as mergers policy, such concern is a curious throw-back to old-fashioned concepts of public interest. In the "anything goes" mergers environment of today, the only test is meant to be competition, and even that doesn't seem to be taken too seri-

While it is easy to understand why Mr | City Now it is just proud, and that is the nub | Tradepoint and ESI/Sharelink. The | Bridgeman should not want to be thought | of the problem. of as Mr Lang's (or are we still talking about Michael Heseltine here?) poodle, it is odd that someone who was chosen because he was once a businessman should find himself so out of sync with government thinking.

#### Stock Exchange's veil rent asunder

Tired old institutions can only fend off A criticism with the claim that they are busily engaged in a grand strategy review for so long. The London Stock Exchange has been grandly reviewing for as tong as most people care to remember. The promised outcome, however, slips and slides with the pass ing seasons, and the mutterings of discontent grow louder.

Yesterday, they broke with a roar. Rudolf Mueller, head of the Union Bank of Switzer land's operations in London, finally went public on what he has been saying privately for a long time - that the Stock Exchange has condemned itself to the increasingly diminishing role of a local trading empo-rium. In doing so he has done more than raise the temperature of debate over the Stock Exchange's future

As a former member of the Stock Exchange council he has delivered a devastating blow to the already battered prestige of a once-proud, landmark institution in the

It is fitting, given the changing face of the City, that it should have been the representative of a powerful foreign firm who finally rent the veil of public reserve.

Mr Mueller is in fact only voicing what a great number of those with an interest in the City - Stock Exchange member firms, gov-ernment officials, ministers and regulators have been discreetly saying for ages. This is, that times have moved on, the City has been transformed, and the Stock Exchange has lamentably failed to keep up.

When the City was a gentlemen's club, and merchant bankers and stockbrokers did their business wearing Union Jack boxer shorts, the London Stock Exchange occupied a commanding position of authority and

It was one of the most powerful and pres-tigious trade associations in the country. But the City is no longer that British; it is the world's pre-eminent international financial centre, where hig foreign firms increas-ingly call the tune. That is its strength, but it is one from which the exchange has failed to draw sustenance. It has become increasingly hard to make the trade association function efficiently.

Instead, the impression is of an institution that is drifting without a clear sense of purpose. The view has been reinforced by a series of unseemly rows, provoked by the Stock Exchange, with fledgling rivals such as

exchange's response has smacked of an abuse of regulatory power for its own ailing competitive advantage.

The most common criticism is that while the City has reinforced its position as Europe's financial capital, the London Stock Exchange has fluffed the chance to take the lead in forging an alliance of European exchanges. Instead, it saw no reason why it should share a cake it considered largely its own. The result is that it is now forced to watch helplessly as increasingly large slices of international equity business are won back by the rival continental exchanges.

Seaq International, the exchange's facility for international share dealing, flourished while places like Paris and Frankfurt languished in the dark ages. The rivals are much more efficient operations now. From 1 January, when an EU directive permits "remote" dealing on European exchanges from just one, home, base, Seaq international is likely to see a further haemorrhage of foreign husines

The blame for this paralysis should not be put on Michael Lawrence, the Stock Exhange's chief executive, or its chairman, John Kemp-Welch. By all accounts, both find t hard to move forward an organisation debilitated by in-fighting.

But to persist on this defensive, intro-

spective course is a fatal. If it has a vision of the future, the Stock Exchange should tell us about it.

Retail turmoil: Do It All undoes the good work at the chemists while a plunge in sales triggers fighting talk from the supermarket battlefield

# DIY woes send Boots into slump

NIGEL COPE

Boots highlighted the patchy na-ture of high street spending yesterday when it reported healthy sales growth in its Boots the Chemist chain but disastrous results at its DIY businesses. which are being ravaged by the

housing slump. Boots's chairman, Sir Michael Angus, said: "The retail trading environment remains difficult and while the housing market remains depressed we should expect little good news in that area." Boots shares fell 11p to 540p on the results and analysts downgraded their full-year forecasts.

The company also made no cement on its plans for its £410m cash pile. The chief executive, Lord Blyth, said the company was seeking acquisitions in Germany for its health-care husiness but if no suitable targets could be found it would not besitate to return cash to shareholders. Last year Boots returned more than £500m to shareholders.

Boots the Chemists enjoyed strong trading, with like-for-like sales up by 4.5 per cent in the six months to September. The

summer heatwave boosted sales of sun creams, which were up 17 per cent. The re-launch of the No 7 brand of cosmetics in February also increased sales.

Boots confirmed its support for resale price maintenance on over-the-counter medicines in spite of the challenge by Asda and the pending Office of Fair Trading inquiry into the system. Lord Blyth said: "We believe that the removal of resale price maintenance would mean a big cut in the number of smaller, independent pharmacies."

He added that far from shying from a fight with the su-permarkets Boots was well placed to cope with a price war. He pointed to the hattle over pertune prices live years ago when Superdrug cut prices. creased sales by 22 per cent and also increased its market share.

Asked why Boots did not support Asda's attack on the resale price maintenance system if it stood to benefit from its abolition, he said: "You have to understand that there are some organisations that don't always behave like a predator."

Although Boots the Chemists performed strongly, lifting op-



Summer success: Boots the Chemist's sales have been lifted by sun cream demand

tail business remain under

Boots's share of losses at Do It All the DIY joint venture with WH Smith, increased from

erating profits 13 per cent to company is still closing stores £163m, the company's other re-

The high street decorating chains. Fads and Homestyle, performed even worse, with like-for-like sales slumping £1.8m to £4.8m. Like-for-like more than 13 per cent and sales also fell 4.5 per cent. The losses trebling to £7.6m.

Boots plans to increase investment in its health-care business by 50 per cent in the second half of the year. This forced analysis to downgrade their full-year profits forecasts

by around £20m to £495m. Group pre-tax profits for the six months to September fell

Photograph: Tony Buckingham

from £290m last year to £228 this time. The fall was largely due to the sale of Boots Pharmaceuticals to BASF of Germany last year for almost £1hn. The company said the final settlement was subject to arbitration.

Investment Column, page 26 high street, where the compa-

# Sales plummet at Kwik Save

TOM STEVENSON Deputy City Editor

Kwik Save disappointed the market with a sharp fall in likefor-like sales yesterday and vowed to take the fight to the grocery superstores if the feared supermarket price war escalated. Battling talk from Graeme Bowler, the chief executive, wiped 69p from Kwik Save's share price, which closed at 609p, dragging the rest of the food retail sector lower - Samsbury fell 12p to 391p and Argyll

slipped 11p to 301p. Mr Bowler said it was too early to say how long a recent resurgence in the supermarket price-cutting war would last. We have got to see what happens through Christmas. We are in a very important trading period right now and this sort of activity is not unusual pre such a big spending period."

His comments accompanied its to £125.5m in the year to July. The outcome was worse than expectations and prompted analysts to downgrade forecasts for this year and next. NatWest Se-curities, which had been ex-Profits were hit by a £6m loss curities, which had been expecting £140m this year, has now pencilled in £1285m. Next stores, the cost of closing down year's £160m estimate has been

reined in to £145m. The profits fall was the first for Kwik Save, confirming the severity of problems on the

ny is squeezed between the superstores, which are increasingly competing on price rather than range, and new entrants at the

bottom, like Aldi and Netto. One analyst said Mr Bowler was moving Kwik Save into the same position that Asda had taken up over the price war among the supermarkets: "He is saying that he will undercut any of the supermarkets, and he will probably win but there are such things as Pyrrhic victories."

Mr Bowler admitted that 350 of Kwik Save's smaller stores, more than a third of the 979strong portfolio, were per-forming badly. Capital expenditure doubled in the year to £200m, partly to fund a refurbishment programme for the problem shops, which Mr Bowler said had already reversed the sales fall in the redesigned outlets.

Although overall sales increased by 7 per cent to £3.2ba, most of the improvemen from new openings and the acquisition last year of Shoprite Volumes were 3.4 per cent down and price inflation ran at

two distribution centres and other one-off property costs. Although earnings per share fell 10 per cent to 51.7p, the dividend rose 4 per cent to 20p. Investment Column, page 26

## £50m lost in bonds' bear market

The City's top ten gilt-edged mar-ket makers collectively lost a total of more than £50m during the bear market for bonds in 1994, it emerged yesterday. Several of the City's biggest

names, including BZW, Goldman Sachs and SBC Warburg, were among the biggest losers. They lost almost £60m.

The only big gainers were Lehman Brothers (£16.6m) and Salomon Brothers (£5.6m). The market makers' heavy

losses, caused by the US decision 10 raise interest rates in February last year, followed substantial profits for most in 1993.

The extent of the losses come as Angela Knight, the Treasury Minister, told a conference of gift

market specialists that Government reforms would now make eilts even more attractive for do-

mestic and overseas investors. Gilt-edged market makers' problems were cruelly exposed by the Federal Reserve's sudden decision last year because many held long positions on bonds. Hopes of a recovery were dashed after bond and gilt prices refused to rally throughout 1994.

Among the losers in the year to the end of December was BZW, which turned a £28.1m profit the previous year into a £19.2m loss. BZW's woes were made worse by its exposure to sterling gilts from Confederation Life, the Canadian insurer that collapsed in August.

Goldman Saehs managed to turn a loss of £6.1m in the year

to December 1993 into a loss of £34.6m the following year. The company yesterday confirmed the figures but declined to comment about them.

SBC Warburg also revealed a loss of £6.3m in the year to December 1994, compared to a smaller loss of £3.4m in the pre-vious 12 months. Kieran Lynch, head of gilt trading, said the company's year-end period meant that losses in 1994 appeared in both year's accounts. The picture would have been different for the calendar year of 1993, he added.

A number of market makers who declined to be named, elaimed that it was difficult to compare company accounts because each one was prepared in a slightly different way. Some included elements in

them other than gilt dealing. Philip Howard, managing director of Lehman Brothers which saw a £16.6m profit in the year to November 1994, said: "Our market share was going up and we were getting a better feel of the business than before. We also made a particular effort to understand the international business outside the UK. Finally, the traders had a very good call on the market and were able to keep their position looking the

right way for much of the year."
At the conference yesterday. organised by NatWest Gilts, Mrs Knight said: "We have set about a major overhaul of the way that Government debt is managed. It will make things more attractive for investors without tying up the

Trading scandal: Official Japanese displeasure casts doubt over bank's future

# Daiwa likely to lose independence

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Seven weeks after owning up to trading losses of \$1.1hn, Darwa Bank looks increasingly isolated from the Japanese financial establishment, amid rumours that its days as an independent hank may be numbered.

The bank this week submitted detailed reports to both the US Federal Reserve and Japan's Ministry of Finance, justilving the two-month delay bctween learning of the losses ut its New York branch and informing the American banking authorities.

It denied a cover up, and said that the extraordinary gap was necessary to investigate fully the dehacle that resulted from 30,000 illegal trades conducted over I t years. The report to the

US Reserve admitted ordering the trader, Toshihide Iguchi, to continue the illicit trades, but claimed that this was to prevent him from "escaping".

An "improvement plan", including proposals to improve the bank's internal inspection systems, was publicly rejected by the Ministry of Finance, an indication of its anger at Daiwa's handling of the affair. The min-istry's elite bureaucrats have been humiliated, after admitting that they knew of the staggering losses six weeks before they

were made public. After a wretched year, in which a handful of credit unions and smaller banks have gone under, the Daiwa affair has further undermined confidence in the banking system, leading to an increase in the so-called "Japan premium", an addito Japanese banks. The Finance Minister.

month made a contrite phone call to Robert Rubin, Secretary to the US Treasury, and a senior official has been dispatched to New York to "explain" the irregularities. The ministry's recent position appears to be an attempt to reassert its flagging authority, and to punish Daiwa for dragging it through the

Earlier in the week, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, which oversees Japan's immense postal savings system, announced that it was reducing its investments with Daiwa by 10 per cent, with further reductions a possibility. Last week the country's biggest pension fund manager

tional leading charge on loans froze new investments with the bank, an ominous sign given Daiwa's status as leader among Masayoshi Takemura, last Japanese banks in the pensions business. The Ministry of Finance exerts huge behind-thescenes influence on such institutions: it is unlikely that such decisions could have been made without its knowledge and approval.

In such an atmosphere, Daiwa's long-term prospects are in question, and speculation is rife about a possible merger. Among the rumoured candidates are the Industrial Bank of Japan, Nomura Securities, and Fuji Bank.

In banking circles, Fuji is considered a particularly plausible possibility since it lacks a large number of branches in the Osaka area where Daiwa has its headquarters and power hase.



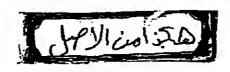
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# Rich Boots prepared for a scrap

Asda's price-cutting antics in the med-icines market have created a cloud over Boots' share price. Having enjoyed a good run early in the year they have slumped by almost 10 per cent since Archie Norman started to portray himself as Medicine Man.

But it is an over-reaction to suggest that Boots would struggle if resale price maintenance collapsed and the supermarkets sparked a price war.

Boots is well placed whether RPM stays or goes. Just as the Net Book Agreement suited WH Smith, the price maintenance on non-prescription drugs is very convenient for Boots. It is quite happy to cream off chunky margins on maintained prices. But as the largest pharmacy chain, with 1,200 of the UK's 12,000 pharmacics, it could use its marketing and buying muscle to cut prices and grow market share if a price war broke out. It would be the smaller, independent pharmacies

that felt the pain. Boots has already proved it can scrap with the best of them after its run-in with Superdrug over discounted perfumes a few years ago. The group's real problems are the weak housing market, which is crippling its DIY husinesses, and the burning question of what to do with its £400m cash pile.

Boots must be thankful that the chemist chain is motoring nicely. Of the group's £196m operating profits in the six months to September, Boots the Chemist accounted for £164m.

Like-for-like sales were up 4.5 per cent, a laudable performance given high street gloom.

Sales of sun creams were boosted by the summer heatwave and the No 7 brand of cosmetics performed strongly after a February re-launch.

Elsewhere, it was a pretty sorry tale. Losses at the Do It All joint venture with WH Smith almost trehled to £4.8m. Losses also trebled at the AG Stanley business, which includes the Fads and Homestyle high street stores. Like-for-like sales fell 4.5 per cent at Do It All and by a thumping 13 per cent at AG Stanley. Like-for-like sales at Halfords are flat and down slightly at Children's World. Not very cheerful.

Given Boots' Ward White experience, which saddled it with many of its current turkeys, it seems unlikely that the group will countenance a retail acquisition with its cash. The two most likely possibilities remain a deal to bolt on to Boots Healtbeare International, or a second share buy-back.

Analysts were downgrading forecasts yesterday but this was due to investment plans at Boots Healthcare International. Boots plans to increase investment in its Healthcare business

by 50 per cent in the second half. NatWest Securines is forecasting profits of £495m for the full year, which puts the shares, down 11p to 540p yesterday, on a forward rating of almost 16. Unexciting hut fair.

#### Kwik Save runs to stand still

There is a nice irony in the market slashing 10 per cent from the market value of Kwik Save yesterday, a 69p fall to 609p - an everyday low price for a company whose 979 stores are selfing a litre of bleach for a ludicrous giveaway 7p. The loo cleaner is plainly a bargain - whether the shares are

such good value is less clear. Graeme Bowler, Kwik Save's ehullient Australian chief executive, found plenty of excuses for the disappointing performance in the year to August, hut they don't make Kwik Save's future any clearer.

It is still squeezed between the superstores gearing up for another price war on the one hand and the coninental discounters on the other. Although sales were up 7 per cent

important like-for-like figure slipped 3 per cent as lower volumes were only slightly offset by price inflation. Most of the increased turnover came from new stores - 128 were added in the period - and the addition of Shoprite. The Scottish discounter, however, contributed a negative £6m to pre-tax profits of £125.5m, a 7 per cent decline,

down 10 per cent to 51.7p. The 4 per cent rise in the dividend to 20p, although well covered, appeared to be justified as much by reaching a nice round figure as anything more

Kwik Save is having to run extremely fast just to stand still. Capital expenditure doubled during the year to £200m. partly to fund what looks like a rather desperate rearguard action to tart up 350 underperforming smaller

The problem outlets, which were suffering a 6 per cent like-for-like sales decline, have been turned around to a 7 per cent increase but the cost in hard cash, downtime of about two wecks per refurb and management

effort has been beavy. Analysts were husy with their red pens yesterday and NatWest Securities now expects flat profits of £128.5m this to £3.2bn in the 12 months, the year and £140m next time. At that

Boot	s: at a glance
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arnings per share (pence) 🔅 💯	28.9 27.7 65.7 202 15.5
lividends per share (pence) 12.4	13.4 15.0 17.0 5.35 5.7
Net cash (debt), £m	Share price, pence
936/96 6 months	650
330/39 9 MONINS	600
994/95 6 months	550
1995	500
	450
1994	
1998	400
1992	350
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price/earnings ratio of barely 10, a sizeable discount to the rest of the market. Cheap, hut given the uncertainty, not necessarily cheerful.

#### Shell facing while earnings suffered even more, chemicals glitch

The oil giant Shell has looked less sure of itself of late. Since the radical management sbake-up and cost-cutting programme initiated by BP in mid-1992, its sbares have been left in the shade compared with its arch-rival's.

Shell's own cost reductions have had less effect on the bottom line, so recent profits performance has been heavily dependent on the worldwide recovery in the chemicals business which started last year.

There are now worrying signs that could be slowing.
Yesterday's nine-month results con-

tinued to reflect the dowry of soaring chemicals earnings, which chipped in £769m of the £1.18bn increase in group net earnings to £3.61bn. But the third-quarter figures told a different story. Although chemicals earnings doubled to £317m over the same period of last year, they were well down on the £398m achieved in the second three months of 1995, suggesting at the very least a hiccup in the upward trend.

All the damage came outside the US. where earnings slid 29 per cent on the back of weaker demand and thinner

margins.
Shell warns that the weaker chemicals market is likely to continue into 1996, but believes the current glitch does not berald a cyclical downturn. That prediction is dependent on increased demand absorbing the increased output from previously shut-down plants and hence world growth continuing to be strong.

The story is similar in refining and marketing, where earnings bounced back, rising 13 per cent over 1994 to £513m, despite a difficult market. Bul continuing chronic over-supply in Europe and looming capacity increases in the Far East do not bode well for next year. Upstream exploration and production earnings, down just 2 per cent at £344m, held up well before a £32m charge for the sale of some Columbian assets.

Full-year earnings of £4.75bn would put Shell's shares, down 16.5p to 729p, on a prospective multiple of nearly 14. With a forward yield of 5.2 per cent they are worth holding, but BP may continue Io prove more exciting.

## Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

# Government opens gates for a Railtrack windfall

The hidden element of the rail privatisation equation can at last be revealed. The Government bas quietly raised the fines for leaving the gates open on pre-1845 level crossings - from £5 to £1,000.

Given that there are 400 pieces of this railway beritage still littered around the country, the substantial bike in penalties (which was pushed through Parliament in the past couple of weeks) could result in a significant windfall for Railtrack, the soon-to-be floated track operator. If all the crossing gates are left open only once a year it will mean £400,000 extra revenue if the offenders are caught.

The move is unlikely to be greeted with much enthusiasm by farmers, country folk and the Ramblers Association, who will shortly find themselves funding much-needed investment in tracks and signalling.

Further haemorrhaging from Greig Middleton. Britain's leading private client broker is selling its Channel Islands operation to Collins Stewart following reports of an imminent mutiny. A total of 33 staff, including seven brokers, were about to jump ship from the Channel Island and Isle of Man offices, citing Greig's unwillingness to fund corporate work as the last straw. Collins Stewart, a Londonbased broker, is backed by Singer & Friedlander.

While it might sound parochial this will prove extremely awkward for Greig. The offshore patch is a highly lucrative one with a buge client base. It also fol-

stores in London.

The harsh line adapted by the National Lottery operator on

illegal overseas players may need some rethinking. You will

recall that Camelot has pledged to withhold prize money if

winners are found to be non-UK residents. Indeed, so popu-

measty £6,500 nr sn) that organised syndicates are charging

np to five times the price of a £1 weekly ticket. The money is

paid in advance and front men buy the tickets at bigh street

demand for sterling in Thailand is now a factor supporting

the pound. One for Kenneth Clarke to ponder.

However, senior bankers are privately urging caution. The

lar is the UK lottery in Thailand (their own lottery pays out a



Mr Gamble may care to ex-

lows the defection of 11 staff from the firm's Birmingham office last month.

Circumstantial evidence indicates that the cost-cutting at Royal Insurance may have gone a touch too far. Richard Gamble, the urbane chief executive, bas taken to saving newspaper discount vouchers. Dining in the City the other night he surprised guests by pulling out a snappy little wallet containing a series of Financial Times vouchers. Presumably the Royal no longer runs to

the 65p cover price. This is not the first time that Mr Gamble has demonstrated the frugal side of his nature. The proud possessor of a Morgan sports car, he once admitted that it rarely left the garage on the grounds that he could not get it insured.

Something to do with a failed MoT.

Tett, the paper's economics correspondent and a keen rollerblader. Unhappily, Ms Tett will be reviewing the final product from the safety of her hearth. She has since fallen off her rollerblades and broken her ankle. . First Leisure, the disco operator, is unimpressed with Lord Alexander of Weedon, the National Westminster Bank chairman who also leads the House of Lords Deregulation Committee.

change one of his vouchers

for a copy of this Saturday's

FT. A piece planned for the

weekend section in praise of

rollerblading should make interesting reading. The arti-

cle was penned by Gillian

John Conlan, First Leisure's chief executive, complains that the committee's decision not to consider a fast-track repeal of the 1780 Sunday Observance Act - which imposes strict drinking and dancing laws - is a bit ricb given NatWest's plans to operate Sunday banking. My lord speaketh with forked tongue," snapped Mr Conlan.

The committee is unruf-fled. "Perbaps Lord Alexander feels that the casb machines will make less noise than discos." reforts a committee spokesman.

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lets, including the finest cheesemongers outside Paris. A must, however, is The Grape Shop. This excellent wine merchant. voted hest Cross-Channel Outlet 1995, is offering Independent readers a free bottle of House Champagne when they

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Day trip to France

# Leisure group gets Snowdome

JOHN SHEPHERD

The diversified First Leisure group has added another string to its bow by buying the Snow-dome, Europe's first large realsnow indoor ski-slope at Tam-worth near Birmingham.

John Conlan, chief executive, said the company planned to build larger versions of the Snowdome, and had, in effect, blocked the path for competitors by buying the UK and Irish rights to the secret snowproducing and refrigeration process developed in Australia.

The Snowdome, which is profitable, has a 150m slope with heing held with an unnamed tour operator to offer holiday-

ing on mass market, and low-

learn to snowboard. First Leisure is not disclosing the price of the acquisition. Analysts said, however, that the company would have had to pay at least £5m. News of the deal accompanied a trading update, which generally showed the leisure market is still price-sensitive and the pace of the climb out of recession remains slow.

Despite that confirmation, analysts were encouraged and underscored forecasts of a rise in laxable profits from £36m to £39m for the latest financial year, which ended on Tuesday.

Attendances are continuing to increase in several businesses a snow depth of 16cm. Talks are although the hot summer impacted adversely at operations in Blackpool – the company's makers an all-in package of main resont area. "We don't 

The growth in attendances is price leisure operations - other interests include ten-pin bowling, discos, hingo, arrusement arcades, and health and fitness inflation. There are signs, howclubs. The typical cost for using the dome is £10 to £14 for a twohour session. Customers can also food when they go out.

#### COMPANIES IN BRIEF

#### Dresdner profits rise

Dresdner, the German hank that bought Kleinwort Benson earlier this year, announced a 13.6 per cent increase in operating profits after risk provision in the first nine months of the year. Dresdner enjoyed the rise to DM1.5bn (£682m) thanks to a re-Dresdner enjoyed the rise to DM1.5bn (£682m) thanks to a re-bound in trading profits and a 45 per cent lowering of risk pro-visions. Own-account trading rose to DM536m in the first nine months compared with a DM15m loss previously. Dresdner said that it will split responsibility for its global investment banking husiness, with Kleinwort taking control of non-German equi-ties and the international advisory husiness. Dresdner will keep control of fixed income, forex and derivatives business.

#### Azlan seeks cash for acquisition

Computer services group Azlan is to raise £20.4m in an open offer underwritten by SBC Warburg to finance the acquisition of Ronin, a network computing distributor, for £6.95m. It also announced interim pre-tax profits of £4.4m. four times the £1.1m achieved in the comparable half year, and said it had had a strong start to the second half of the year. Earnings per share were 13.6p (3.7p) and the dividend increased 20 per cent to 1.2p.

#### Bellway faces housing difficulties

Housebuilder Bellway warned that conditions since the begin-ning of the current financial year had remained difficult but an increase in the number of developments meant private house sales were up on the same period last year. Planning delays were having an adverse effect on return on capital and with the chalhaving an adverse effect on return on capital and with the chal-lenging market conditions was putting pressure on margins. Pre-tax profits in the year to July were £34m (£28m), struck from sales of £267m (£201m). Earnings per share were 21.4p (17.3p).

#### BP provides for US environment

BP's third-quarter results next week will include an exceptional charge of \$385m (£244m) in respect of the sale of its refining and marketing interest in the north-eastern US to the Tosco Corporation. Half of the total is to provide for potential environmental liabilities. BP expects proceeds of \$235m for the assets and grads inventories.

#### ICI's China expansion

IC1 has announced two new plants in Shanghai at a total cost of about \$440m (£379m). ICI Polyurethanes is setting up a joint venture with a local company to establish a "world scale" fac-tory to supply MDI, used in the refrigeration, huilding insula-tion, footwear and furniture industries. The investment will be around \$400m, with the rest of the total accounted for by a second Chinese operation for ICI Paints. The new site will be in the Songjiang industrial zone in Shanghai in a joint development with Swire Pacific.

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Books (1)	1 94m (2.04m)	228m (290m)	15,9p (20.2p)	S 7p (5.35p)
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### **Bardon sells marine** division for £72.3m

NIC CICUTTI

Bardon Group, the quarrying and aggregates group, has sold its marine aggregates unit. Civil and Marine, to ARC Marine. a subsidiary of Hanson, for

Bardon, which admitted yesterday that it was facing difficult trading conditions in the UK, said the sale left the company with a "sound financial structure." Peter Tom, chief executive, said: "With a more robust balance sheet we will have much more flexibility in devel-oping our four mainstream businesses, all of which have strong positions in their re-spective markets." Gearing is expected to fall to 45 per cent. Civil and Marine Holdings

made an operating profit of £5.5m in 1994 and had not as-

The acquisition, subject to Bardon shareholder approval, will consolidate ARC's position as Europe's leading producer of sea-dredged sand and gravel.

David Snowdon, chairman of ARC, said: "This important move increases our presence in Europe, where we trade at 12 ports, and gives us a firm foot-ing in the important Thames "C&M has a major presence

in the London area, where we expect further growth.
Since 1990, supplies of marine aggregates to maintand Europe have increased substantially. This acquisition com-

plements our existing business." Derek Bonham, Hanson's chief executive, added: "This acquisition fits well into our stratcgy of huilding up our businesses by bolt-on acquisition and investment.

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# market report/shares

#### Supermarket chains have reached their sell-by date DATA BANK FT-SE 100

3523.0 +4.3 FT-SE 250 The high riding supermarket 94p) and Argyll lost 11p to chains have reached their sell-301p after hitting 292p. Tesco 3886.8 -1.7 by date. The investment rush FT-SE 350 to the checkouts gathered pace 1752.8 + 1.5yesterday, leaving the shares of

the industry leaders dejected SEAQ VOLUME and demoralised. 710.8m shares; The interim figures from J 26,884 bargains Sainsbury are responsible for the ragged retreat. They Gilts Index demonstrated that the super-94.04 +0.35 market groups are coming under increasing pressure and the

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The results from Kwik Save failed to spray around any confidence, leaving the discounter's shares limping 68p lower at 610p. Boots, off 11p to 540p, added to the retail gloom while Marks & Spencer, apparently suffering from Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd caution, lost 10p to 407p.

The supermarket carnage clipped more than 3.5 points sist the retail retreat, falling 3p from the FT-SE 100 index which, inspired by New York, £1.4m to £1.04m. The compamanaged to improve 4.3 tn

But as most retailers wilted. Asprey, the jeweller, sparkled to 127p, up 19p. Stories flowed that bid action was imminent

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter.

of the year

lapsed from 375p as the jeweller plunged into losses but the Tilney helping sectiment. group, also embracing Garrards and Mappin & Webb, ap-pointed Ian Dahl, ex Marks & Spencer, as chief executive in

Essex Furniture failed to re-

to 102p with profits down from oy is currently completing an 18 mooth accounting period. There are impes profits could top £3m in the next full year. Kingfisher was also in form as it completed its US invest-

oext year by Charterhouse

jected suggestions it planned to barge into furniture retailing. Albright & Wilson, the chemical group, fell op to 154p, only 4p above February's scaled down flotation price. There is talk of profit downgrades in the air. Fears of trading gloom at David S Smith, the packaging group, lowered the shares 16p to

Sotheby, the auctioneer, rose 40p to 920p as a 1 millioo

Sources close to the group re-

meetings, hoping to oullify a bearish stockbroker report which has pulled the shares back from above 190p. TSB put on 5p to 381p on

continuing speculation about a counter bid to the Lloyds Bank deal; Forte rose op to 255p as an institution picked up shares at 253p.

Lonrho was unchanged at 154.5p as Dutton-Forshaw, the group's main car dealership, was said to be the next disposal larget of crusading chief executive Dieter Bock. Evans Halshaw, the garage group, reversed a further 20p to 298p

with Ryland off 5p at 79p.
Telspec, the electronic group, jumped 110p to 1,045p; a 300,000 share trade by Cred-

managed a 1p gain to 153p. accompany the announcement of the forthcoming figures. United News gained 15p more to 532p as the departure of Sir Nicholas Lloyd as editor of the Daily Express heightened talk

the oewspapers will be sold.
Whitehall clearance of North West Water's £1.8bn swoop on Norweb was anoounced as the market closed. NNW firmed 2p to 997p and Norweb was up 30p at 1,185p. On the lively insurance pitch

GRE, helped along by an an-alyst meeting and talk of a German strike, gained 9p to 240p. In oils Shell, off 17p at 729p. reflected a cautious trading statement. International Cortecs

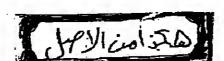
gained another 2p to 120p. After a £2.8m loss this year. Greig Middletoo expect profits of £1.1m and then £17.5m.

Shares of Queensborough Holdings, the aspiring leisure group ran by Kevin Leech, the chairman of ML Laboratories, are expected to be suspended today. The group has agreed a leisure takeover which will be partly financed. by a £12.5m rights issue. Mr Leech is taking up his entitlement and hopes to lift his stake to 29.9 per cent. Queensborough, unchanged at 1.25p on the USM, is expected to return as a fully-

Stordata Solutions, the computer data group pumped into the old Millgate car 17.5p. The new management is expected to revitalise the car alarms operation and expand the data side, possibly through acquisitions. The company is ungeared and Stordata should make profits

tisted company.

*	turnover. Tesco co approaching 19 mill more than 17 milli bury 9.5 million. Th shares struggled to g Asda fell 4.25p to 9	Argyll that bid action was imminent it completed its US invest- rose 40p to 920p as a 1 million a 300,000 share trade by Cred- its of £1.1m and then £17.5m. pand the data side, possibly sains- with a Far Eastern huyer meet presentations to 15 in- buy back of "A" shares was an- it Lyonnais Laing at 1,000p Chiff Resources, the gold through acquisitions. The acro caused the emittement. Tadpole miner, jumped 14.5p to 75p as company is ungeared and apport. agement buy-out was also to 480p with a modest profit engine group which has been Technology rose 6p to 80p on the company disclosed it had Stordata should make profits
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# Sherwood sits on fence with Action

won't go back to hurdling if oth-

ers drop by the wayside. I can't envisage any problems with

that, he's too much of a pro-

Racing **GREG WOOD** 

It is not often that a horse making his seasonal debut over fences in November is quoted in single figures for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham the following March, but then, in the hurdling division at least, this promises to be a very un-

Alderbrook is injured and may oot make it to the Festival, while Relkeel and Danoli have already been ruled out entirely. Mootelado, Mysilv and Forune And Fame have tried and failed before, and River North has yet to jump a hurdle in public. As a result, Large Action, a runner in the oovice chase at Uttoxeter this afternoon, is as low as 8-1 for the Champioo Hurdle when, if be runs at the Festival at all, it is as likely to

be over birch as timber. Not that Oliver Sherwood, Large Actioo's trainer, is ruling anything out. "He's born to go chasing, that's what it's all about and if you leave it too long they can get into bad habits and they'll oever go chasing." Sher-wood said yesterday. "He's been burdling for two seasons oow so we've got to bave a try. He's schooled well, though he'll never be flambovant like The Dikler or Desert Orchid. He's sensible, be's got his own way in the face of this appareot gen-

RESULTS

**EDINBURGH** 

140: 1 DUEENS CHECK (S Webster 11-1; 2. Frances Mary 8-1; 3. Amoeba 9-2. 2 ran. 2-1 far Cornche Quest (4th), 1/2, 21/2. (Miss J Craxe), Yote: £32,30; £1,50, £1,40, £3,10, DF: £31,10, CSF; £80,62,

25-1, 14 ran. 7-2 co-favs Tabriz (4th), Academy Of Dance, Lady Banles, 3, 1, U Pearce, 7ote: £7.70; £2.40, £1.20, £4.20. DF: £37.30, CSF: £33.27, Truc: £174.60.

3.40: 1. SANTRIANA IL Detton) 2-6 fev: 2. Classic Ballet 25-1; 3. Fly Fishing 4-1, 3 ram, 1 ¼, 3. U Gosden). Tote: £1.30: £1.00, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £9.00. CSF: £12.62.

4.10: 1, BEST OF ALL () Carollo 33-1; 2, Penner 16-1; 3, Field Of Vision 10-1. 14 ran. 3-1 fay Super High. 11y, 4. () Berryl, Totar: £33.80; £4.60, £6.30, £4.40. DF: £195.00. CSF: £439.17. Treast: £5046.21.

et: Not won. Pool of £8,927-20 car-

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LINGFIELD 1.30: 1. ELEMENTARY (J. Stade 11-10 tar. 2. Sir Norman Hoft 10-1; 3. What's Secreto 50-1. 12 ran. 5, 6. (N. Walter). Total £2.00; £1.10, £2.20, £4.50. DF: £12.70.

MARKET RASEN

1.20: 1. DANCING DOVE (B. Harding)
5-2 iav. 2. Lucy Tuffy 100-30: 3. Strong John
14-1.9 ran. 3½, 4, 6 Richards, Toker £3.30:
£1.40, £1.50, £2.70, DF: £3.60, CSF:
£11.30, Tric: £38.90, NR: Cast the Line.

1.50: 1. CAN CAN CHARLE (P Hole)
4.1; 2. Rodf's Pride 18-1; 3. Nockos 5-2
fav. 15 rad. 3, nk. (I Pearel) Totac £3.60;
£2.20, £6.10, £2.00. DF: £43.70. CSF;
£70.37. Tric: £294.00.

2.20: 1. CHANGE THE REIGN () R Ka-2.20: 1. CHANGE THE REIGN () R Ka-yanggi 9-2: 2. Jimmy O'Den 14-1: 3. Roy-3. 14: Jikes & Frithicos, Tolar: £3.70; £1.60,

3, 14. (Miss A Britaticos), Tohin: £3.70; £1.60 £2.20, £1.70. DF: £49.20. CSF: £55.46.

2.50; £1./0. DF: £49.20, USF; £32.40; 2.50; 2. GYMCRAK TIGER (A Megure) 11-4; 2. Byftannia Mills 10-1; 3. Barney's Gift 9-1. 7 rash, 9-4 for Val De Rama. 1, 3. (G Holmes), Tute; £3.30; £1.40, £3.90, DF; £19.40, CSF; £26.31.

3.20: 1. PARIS FASHION (T Jeris) 7-4; 2. Fighting Trout 11-1; 3. Final Bent 14-1, 7 can, 13-8 tay Enfymoring Light, 4, 3. IN Twiston-Davies). Toke: £2.70; £2.00, £2.50. DF: £13.20. GSF; £19.39.

22.50. DF: £13.20. GSF; £39.39.
3.50: 2. ASSONG I. Harvey 12-1; 2. Cullin Saper 20-1; 2. On A Pedestal 100-30.
13 ran. 5-2 few Slady Dem. 42, 2. (J Bennett). Toke: £29.30; £4.40, £6.00, £1.50.
DF: £312.80. GSF: £219.35. Trac £293.20.
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fessional, but if puoters want to back him for the Champioo Hurdle I'd advise them to do it with a run." Unfortunately, name of the

the "with a run" proviso to Large Action's odds for the Champion, but it is worth pointing out that Ladbrokes will return stakes if Alderbrook, last year's winner, does not make it to the Festival this time. Indeed,

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Regal Portrait (Doncaster 2.50) NB: Ahla (Doncaster 2.20)

the 4-1 "with a run" which the firm offers - Coral are 4-1 "all in" - is as close as we may get this season to a no-lose bet.

If Alderbrook does return to imagine that the horse described by Timeform as "potentially the best hurdler since Monksfield" will start much longer than 6-4. Anyone holding 4-1 will be able to hedge, while if he is absect, of course, there is oothing to pay.

As if to redress the balaoce doing things.

But I'm oot saying that he erosity, though, the 4-1 against Double Trigger, the Ascot Gold

Cup winner, for next Tuesday's Melbourne Cup is "ridiculous". That, at least, is the opinion of Mark Johnston, Double Trigger's trainer, as reported in an Australian newspaper yesterday.

Since Johnston also described his runner as "the best stayer in England for 15 years", leading bookmakers attaches he must he grateful that horses cannot sue for libel, since Ardross and Le Moss, to name hut two, would by oow be eogaging a QC. "The odds of 4-1 are ridiculous," Johnstoo added. "You can't be certain of anything in a Melbourne Cup. and I doo't think any borse should be less than 10-1 in a cavalry charge like that."

Jobnstoo's scepticism is

shared by many Australiao trainers and bookies, and Jeff Laodry, a local layer, did oot spare the visitors' feelings. There are a million reasons why we have beeo sold a dummy with Double Trigger," he said. "He's run twice abroad, in If Alderbrook does return to Hong Kong and France, and defend his crown, it is hard to he's failed both times, and if you examine the winning times of his races, you'll find that he's just too slow to win a Melbourne Cup." It is probably just as well that Landry kept the other 999,998 to himself.

Punters in all corners of the world have a new champion this morning. Chim Shing-Chung.
currently serving eight years
for drug trafficking in a Hong
have always known that the
three things which matter are
life, liberty and the pursuit of Kong prison, took the prison au-



The sun sets on Scotland's Flat racing season as Latvian parades before the second race at Edinburgh yesterday

Photograph: David Ashdown

#### thorities to court when they DONCASTER started removing the racing form from the daily newspapers in an effort to deter illegal

12.50 Lituus 1.20 High Atlas 1.50 Marawis 2.20 Ahla

HYPERION 3.20 No Monkey Nuts 3.50 CORPORAL NYM (nap) 4.20 Sagebrush Roller (nb)

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).
STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside.
ORAW ADVANTAGE: None.
II Left-hand, pear-shaped course with 1 mile straight.
II Doncaster Central railway station (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION:
Club 514; Grandstand £8; Family Enclosure £3 (under-16s free all enclosures). CAR PARE:

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Gosden — 37 winners from 144 numers grees a success ratio of 25.7% and a profit to a 5.1 level stake of 543.50; 2 HHs — 29 winners, 140 numers, 20.7%, 4-531.80; E Hannon — 27 winners, 280 numers, 10.4%, -5100.50; H Geob — 20 winners, 103 numers, 103 numers, 25.2%, 4-59.41.

LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 48 winners, 219 rides, 19.6%, +524.59; W Carson — 34 winners, 238 rides, 14.3%, -588.74; K Barley — 31 winners, 241 rides, 12.9%, -53.72; L Dettori — 28 winners, 188 rides, 14.9%, -533.9].

BLINERRED PHST TIME: Emphyllis (visor), Sylvandra (visor) (4.20).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Deade Flyer (3.20) won at Newmarket on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Fitame Of Hope (12.50), Walble Sands (1.250), Parsa (1.20), Flona Shana (1.50), Chief Bee (2.20), Tearndsta (3.50) & Never Explain (4.20) J Dunlop from Anndel, W Sussex; Persian Dawn (1.20) sent 212 miles by D Chappell from Whatsbury, Hampshire.

ΩI		ury, Hampshire,	
1	2.50	EBF FLANDERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £4,281.	(DIV I) £4,800
	0	FLYING HAROLD (15) (Malcolm P Allen) M Channon 90	R Hoghes 6
		LITUUS (USA) (Sheikh Mahammad) J Gosden 9 0	L Dettor 10
		MARBELIANO (USA) (Sullan Al Nabeer) M Shoule 9 (L	X Bradshay 18
		MATTIMED (Mrs Monica Keosti) A Jarves 9 ()	Tale 15
		MANNED (Mrs Claude Lilley) G Waste 9 0	M (Mails 9
		ONE DREAM (One Dream Partnersho) 8 Smart 9 0	S Sendors 17
		PHILOSOPHER (Michael Kelly (New Jersey!) R Hannon 9 0	Reid 13
		PRIVATE SONG (USA) (K Abdullah) R Coarton 9 0	W Ryen 11
		PUBLIC REPROOF (Middlehem Park Recorg i) P Hostorn 9 0	V Halliday 4
0		RAESAK JAMEEL RISAL (Sheikh Ahmed A) Maktourni W R Herr) 9 0	
ĭ	0	TOTALLY DEFERENT (132) (TH Mores) G Oldroyd 9 0	L Chemock 5
ē		WAHEA SANDS (J Durlop) J Durlop 9 0	
ī	0	FARFESTE (11) (Bub Tallentire and Jim Comeron) () Morns 8 9	R Cochrage 14
ă	. "0"	FLAME OF HOPE (49) (Duke of Mariborough) J Dunlop 8 9	
5		HIPPY (D Stell) C British 8 8	K Darley 1
ã	٠.	LIEFLING (USA) (Shelith Mohammed) J Goşden 89	

BETTING: 3-1 Liturus, S-1 Mariginano, 6-1 Regular Jameni, 8-1 Lieffing, Mandago, 10-1 Webibe Sanda

ESTINCS 3.1 liture, 5.1 liture, 6.1 Region, 6.1 Region James, 8.1 Liciting, Mawings, 10.1 Wahthe Sands, 12.1 others.

1994: Grandmare 2.9 0.5 Westworth 15-2 (P Chapple-Hyami 19 ran FORM GUIDE

John Gooden runs two in both divisions of this race, and LITUUS has an eppealing look in this opener. The EI Gran Serior newsomer being a full-hother to Young Serior, a useful juvenile of Geoff Whage's in 1991 who bear to Powious in the Highly's Solies over this import, Newmarket. Whage won with the once-need Germano at the last meeting here and his laufan newsomer Mawings is out of a dam who won over this trip in Instand. John Dun-loy's juveniles are worth noting on this course and newsomer Wahilbe Sende, from the family of the 1,000 Gurness wirmer Paty Flootsteps, looks butter than Fleene Of Hope, who needs to improve a lot on her Newtony (soft ground) showing.

MY MOTHER'S LOCAL (USA) M. J. Richards) K. Cumingham-Brown 8.9. Tel C Wal 8 9 \_

needs to im	prove a lot on her Newbury (soft ground) showing.	Selection: LiTUUS
1.20	EBF FLANDERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £4,281	D) (DIV II) £4,800
	A-AASEM (SS) (Hamdan Al Maktouri) H Thomson Jones 9 0	
2	ARTIERXERXES (P G Love & Partners) M Heston-Elic 9 0	A Clark 5
3	CHARLIE CHANG (Jim Horston) R Hannon 9 0	
4 00	DANCING CAVALIER (33) (The Three R's) R Hollinsbead 9 0	
5	DAYDREAMER (USA) (Anthoxy Speelment J Gosden 9 0	C=10
6	FORMOABLE PARTNER (George Ward) R Armstrung 90	
7	BUSH KINSMAN (P J H Wills) P Waterin 9 0	
8 6	JACKSON HILL (24) Llames O Worlensohn) R Charton 9 0	
9 50	PASTERNAK (12) (Graham Rock) Sir Mark Avescutt 9 0	8 Duffield 9
20	RADIANT STAR U L C Pearcel 8 Wagg 9 0.	M HUTS 12
11 0	TOM SWIFT (16) O' Gedlern) R Suicer 9 0	
12 6	DISTINCT BEALITY (9) (N 5 Yorg) W O'Gorman 8 9	Emma O'Gormon 14
	ENWR SUNRISE (11) (A.) Richards) C Britain 8.9	
	FAITH ALONE (16) (Mrs R M 5 Nesse) C Wall 8 9	
15	HIGH ATLAS (A Abdutati) 9 Hits 8 9	
16	KERRY RING (Shekh Mohammed) J Gosden 8 9	
17 0	PARSA (USA) (17) (J Duniop) J Duniop 8 9	W Compan 7

PERSIAN DAWN (ROM Racing) O Chappel 8 9 ..... - 10 declared -

FORM GAIDE

Of John Gosden's pair, Lenkanco Dottori sides with the filly Kenry Ring, a daughter of Sadler's Wells out of Kenrera, who was second to Musical Blass in the 1939 1,000 Genees. She has been working well at home. But Robert Armstrong won with the newcomer Scenic Reights on this cord 12 months ago and John Reid is an interesting booking for his PORMIDABLE PARTINER, a half-brother to four winners, including the smort Talwim, a winner in Insland over this journey. Reditant Star is a Geoff Wrage trained Rainbow Quest newcomer, from a larnly that has pienly of pace, so he should be on the short hat. Parabarnak shaped really well behind Prize Gwing et Yarmouth and elso ran better then his severith to Ashjer in Lingheld five days later would suggest. Parasa has experience after a run at Chepslow and John Durriop won this dayson last year with a colt who had shown very tittle on his previous start.

Selection: FORMIDABLE PARTINER

ĺ.	50	EBF DUNKIRK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2YO 6f Penaity Value £5,022
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	w	APPEAL AGAIN (11) (Coin Webster) Mrs J Rameden 9 0
		ATTARTINES (Harmson Al Makobum) / Goeden 9 O
	25	AUTORABBLE (196) (BF) (Bruce Adarss; R Hannon 9 0R Perfect 21
	_	BACKWOODS (Sheirh Monemored) G Wragg 9 0 W Woods 22
		BOWLERS BOY (16) (Bowless Record) J Quant 9 Q
	05	CRICUS STAR (21) (Nei Gray) Sr Mark Proscott 90
	0	EXTREMELY PROBLEMS (9) (W J Gradwy) C Britism 9 0 K Darley 9
		GREEN BARRIES (20) (Maktourn Al Maktourn) M Johoston 9 0
	0	HAWKSLEY HILL (14) (Hamish Alexander) Mrs J Remoden 9 0
•		LEAD HIM ON (USA) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9 ()
L		MAJOR QUALITY (Mrs Mary Wett) J Fanshave 9 0
2		MARAMATS (USA) (15) (Harmdan At Makhoure) H Thomson Jones 9 0
3	5	MATAL RIDGE (11) (Gerald Vibers) () Haydn Jones 9 ()
		SANHAR (R. J. Arculi) R Assistance 9 0
	04	SER DANZIG (7) P Cook P Howing 9 0R Cockrame 16
6		SHARP PEARL (13) (Dams Yardy) R Charlon 9 0
7	06	CHAVIN POINT (31) (Advance Stock) Max L Sidtel 8 8
		FROMA SHANNI (USA) (15) (Even of the late Mrs E Ogden White) J Dunkop 8 9 R Hughes 7
:	•	MASS RIVERA (I L C Peane) G Wage 8 9
		OATEY (12) IR Barnetti Mis J Ramasten 8 9
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	U	SHARP W SHADY (11) (W Wallet) C Wall 89W Lord 17
Ž		YEZZA (Mrs Monca Keogh) A Janes 8 9
		- 22 declared -
	NO E.7	Straigh, C.1 May Distance Course Devotes S.1 Can Durante 10.1 Manuale 10.4 Death

1994: Scenc Heights 2 9 0 R Price 11-2 (R Amstrong) 20 ran

This has an open look about it but Peter Hams's newcomer LEAD HIM ON, whose sire Cahill Road is a full-brother to the rop-notatier Unbridled, and who is out of a well-related mane, may be worth a chance. Lynda Ramsden runs threat, with Kisran Fallon on Hawkesley Hill, who showed nothing behind Germano hore. But Appeal Again is more interesting with John Raid up. Rhad won on the stabler's Shinerolla last morth. Oatby (John Egan) made her debut in a hot size at York and her subsequent run lest week would have been needed. Marawis but in a hot race at York and her subsequent run lest week would have been needed. Hearwise ran fast in Fly Tip's Newbury race and reports from Newmaniast suggest he is the one to back in preference to both Goaden's newcomer Attairfidit, who is in the same ownership. Autobabble promised to be smart early in the year and is likely to return much stronger af-ter his rest. Sainhair must be considered with the stable having won this with a newcomer 12 months ago and, while Circus Star has looked promising, he had his first run over sev-en furnings so may find this six on the sharp side. Geoff Wragg's newcomer tilly Miles Riv-lera has a sharp pedigree and looks best of the others. 2 20 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C)

	2.20	£8,000 added 1m 6f 132yds Penalty Value £5,024
	1-66305	KINGS CAY (111) (R 8 G Jones) T Caldwell 4 95 Carrol
		CAMPAGN (445) (Spectrom) M Hammond 4 9 2
	4-6101	CHREF BEE (28) (Mrs Mark Stores) J Dunlop 4 9 1
i		OUTSET (426) (Mark Nilner) M Hammond 5 9 0
į	181400	DODDONETON FLYER (12) (CD) (J F Bows) R Holimphead 3 8 11
ĺ		PROGRAMS TIMES (65) (C.) Hochengol C. Smith 3.85
ì	031366	AHLA (46) (Harcain A Maldourn) R Armebrong 3 8 4
		- 7 declared -
ı	EMMO AS	Chief Rev. A.1 Able. S.1 Debbled Times. 7.1 Compaign. 14.1 Kings Cov. 18.1 D.

Weight scale tips in favour of Reimei and Dettori Reg Akehurst triggered an Reimei in tomorrow's Novem- Hill from 20-1 to 12-1. With the doubtful runners, Reimei, orig-

2363F2, RENGNING ROYAL (22) O Burchell 4 10 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D.J. Burchell 43030-3 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR (6) Mrs. N Mecauley 4 10 7

16 05-OPGO VISION OF LIGHT (9) H Over 5 10 7

- 16 declared BETIMG: 9-2 Reigning Royal, Without A Fing, 6-1 Springtime Attalr,
8-1 Ballindon, Merryhil Madeus, 10-1 Tigursong, 16-1 others

2.40 FLINT BISHOP & BARNETT NOVICE HAND-ICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 2m

320-112 FERRIFINO (14) (D) (EF) P Fich 7 11 13 \_\_\_\_\_ W More

Mirlmum weight: 10st. True handkap weight: Dark Phantom 8st 10tb.

3.10 PERMIT TRAINERS AMATEURS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 2m SF

- 7 declared -Minimum: 10st. True handicap weights: Penlanth 9st 12th, Rivage Bleu 9st 10th

BETTING: 6-4 Herwell Lad, 13-8 Long Reach, 6-1 Carling and 10-1 Jeson's Boy, 12-1 Dunkery Beacon, 16-1 Penisrth, ' ,o Lond

3.40 UNDERGEAR TERRA TIRE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m

gambling within the jail.

The court ruled that the pris-

oner's human rights had beeo

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vindication for those of us who

inally handicapped at 6st 10th,

comes into the race on 8st 3lb,

#### jockey, Lanfranco Dettori, for promptly chopped by William come and Better Offer are Dettori's minimum weight. UTTOXETER

ante-post plunge yesterday ber Handicap at Doncaster. weights set to rise 21lh as the

when he booked the champioo The six-year-old's odds were top-weights Capias, Naked Wel-

1.10 Apachee Flower 1.40 Finesse The King 2.10 Full Quiver 2.40 Ferrufino 3.10 Harwell Lad 3.40 Large Action 4.10 Chicago's Best

Left-hand course, Bun-in of 170yd,

Course is SE of flown near B5017. Uttoxeter station (Derby-Crewe Rice) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club 516 (OAPS 510);
Tattersalls 510 (OAPS 57); Course 53. CAE PARE: Free.

£1.40, £3.40, DF: £31.10, CSF; £80.62, 2.10: 1, MERIT (F. Quinn) 5-1 jt-fav; 2, Tremendisto 14-1; 3, Eau De Cologne 12-2; 4, Opera Butf 12-1, 16 ran, 5-1 jt-fav Bathmac Gdf. 5, shr-hd. JP Cole), Yote: £4.50, £1.20, £3.90, £4.30, £1.20, DF: £33.30, CSF; £62.78, Yidast: £638.08, Yac £234.60, NR; Yue Bird [14-1) withdrawn not uvider orders, Rule 4 deduction on all bets, 50 in the £1. MI races
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Glass (1.49), Desert. President
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1 40 SANKEY VENDING MAIDEN HURDLE

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Minimum weight: 10st True handicap weight: Alternation 9st 13th. BETTRIC: 2-1 Russiany Pete, 4-1 Chicago's Boot, Lien De Fe 7-1 Johns The Boy, 8-1 Gone By, 10-1 Old Money, 12-1 others

#### **HEXHAM**

1.30 Aylesbury Lad 2.00 George Ashford 2.30 Willie Sparkle 3.00 Palace River 3.30 Su-

GOING: Good to Firm.

Left-hand, undulating course. Run-in of 250yd.

Craime is on minor road 2m S of Hexham. Signposted from 10m. Hoxham station 2m. ADMISSION: Cub 59; Paddock 58 (OAPs \$1). CAR PARE: Free.

SIS All races WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Supertop (3.30) won Weiberby on Friday. DNG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Achillibule (2.30) has been sent miles by F Yardley from Boreley, H ford & Wores.

1.30 ROBSON BROWN MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3m 1f 

BETTERICE events Two For One, 2-1 Mint Huster, 3-1 Aylenbury Lad,

2.00 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 4f 110yds 

2.30 FEDERATION PLS CONDITIONALS HANDI-CAP CHASE (CLASS F) \$4,000 2m 4f 110 yes 1 Z5-33 HEATHWEW (35) / Fizieral: 8 11 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 50-43P3 SCARF (Z3) / J O No. 7 11 7 \_\_\_\_\_

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3.00 MEDALLION LAGER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,500 2m 4f 110yds 

-6 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Palace River, 5-2 Minimeanles, 3-1 Yacht Club, 8-1 Bald-3.30 JOHN EUSTACE SMITH NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 2m 110yds 

Minamum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Quartz Hill 9st 7to, BETTING: 7-4 Allinous Nomin, 8-4 Separtop, 11-4 Sonny-P, 8-1 Strong Mine stre, 12-1 Historius Cholon, 50-1 Crofton Lake, Quartz Hill

4.00 FEDERATION SPECIAL ALE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m P011-F4 TASHREEF (140) (CD) J Befort 5 11 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_ A Jones 

Minimum weight: 10st. True transicap weight: Swark Gittert 9st 13th. SETTING: 2-1 Taskreef, 9-4 Cadeaux Premiere, 5-2 Green's Seago. 8-1 Juyider, 10-1 Ry To The End, 29-1 Second Gilbert, 66-1 Sporting FORM SUBJE

Soft ground may have contributed to CHIEF BETS easy win at Ascot, but Minnesota Viking, the seven-length second, has won since. The selection was not sighted previously at Ayr when favourite, but this is a veaklah race and Chief Bee has an obvious chance if acting se well on this faster surface. Chief Bee won off a mark of 75 at Ascot and Albia has been besten in handlosps off about 84. She has been a shade disappointing since her Kempbecases in handscape on about 54. She has been a stock desoporating since her hamp-pon madern win but has her chance lodgy at these weights and her letest defect, under a weiter burden at Ayr, can be excused. Some of these look ready for hurdles, Campaign be-ing one of them. He was bought reliablely cheaply at 10,000ghs almost a year ago and the winning ex-Dick Hem girlding could spring a surprise with Lanfranco Dettori booked. Selections CHIEF BEE

#### 2.50 UNKNOWN SOLDIER FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 edded 1m 2f 60yds Penalty Value £5,117 003016 SUE'S ARTISTE (34) (CD) (A L R Morton) 8 HH; 4 9 8 ..... 360610 STRUTTING (6) (D) (M W Grant) R Hornon 3 9 1 ..... ONe 00 3 \_\_ Relit 6

- 7 declared -NC: 5-2 Mountains of Mist, 3-1 Sue's Artiste, Regal Portrait, 7-2 Strutting, 9-1 Crimson Sho er, 12-1 Quivira, 60-1 Miss fron Heart 1894: Grecien Styper 3 8 3 K Darley 5-1 (W R Hern) 10 cm

Struttling is from an in-form stable and this return to 10 furiongs after a mile last Satur Strutting is from an in-form stable and this return to 10 furious ofter a mile last Saturday is more har mark. She was a juverille winner in the hands of Lester Piggott, and led for sk furious in Colestial Rey's race at Newmarkst sh days ago after a clear cut wan from Celtic Fringe at Chepstow. Berry Hills brings back Soe's Artiste to the venue of her soft-ground with from Braille in Septembor and she later an a binder to fill path in the Cambridgeshire on a faster stafface. She is on the upgrade but these weights set her a stiff fask. REGAL PORTRAIT and Mountains Of Milet are both mammer from a tayoff after looking decent on their debuts. Regal Portrait could be up to winning, other a pleasing debut, such to Grand Du Lac at Sandown in July. She is bound to be in top condition with the yeard going so well and she is a half-sister to Ring's Theatre and High Estate. Mountains Of Milst won on her debut at Newbory in May and John Reid is again booked. She got home only narrowly from Synan Queen (a stablemate of Regal Portrait to Iday's, Quiwhra has lost her form, while Chinason Shower has fatted in handleaps since her Windsor win with Lanfranco Dettori in Jurne.

co Dettori in June. Selection: REGAL PORTRAIT NORMANDY BEACHES NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) 3.20 NORMANUY BEACHES NORTH Value £3,883 £5,000 added 270 5f Penalty Value £3,883 

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1994: Parrystan Yew 2 8 11 Day Gobon 5-1 (P Calved 9 an
PORM GUIDE

DANDE PLYER has produced a telling turn of foot to win nurseries at Yammouth and New-market. David Arbutimot has booked claimer Dawd McCabe to take 31b off the 71b penalty and win number four can be expected from this progressive colt. He quick-ened right array from Gagglighab for a four-length success at Yammouth and is only 61b worse off, white Antoniah's Melody is similarly better of for her four-length defeat by the selection at Newody is similarly better off for her four-length defeat by the selection at Net market two days later. Music Gold is well regarded by Bill O'Gorman but the York marden winner has 9st 7th and concedes 1.1th to Dande Flyer. The York race was a weak affair but winner has 9st 7th and congettes 1.1th to Dande Piyer. The York race was a weak affair Music Gold had run well agented teepent sorts at Sandoren and Lungfield prevously. Blink were tried on Asaber Fort at Newmarket (61) lest time and his speedy run from the fire save off all except the useful fileg of Peru. The blinds are left off today and Amber Fort in the suited by this fulfange-shorter trip. Militater Joel won a manden nuction marrowly at R car (51 1.0 days ago but the time was fast and spiniting is more his game after he put much too hard in a mile nursery at Ponteiract. The files of Repetitate, No Monkey Mand Polity Goldghith have been beaten in nurseries. Of the trio, Poly Goldghity may go be back over five on fast ground after her creditable third in benkers to Lunar Mist at Newb (65, sood to soft).

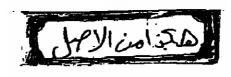
3.50 WESTERN DESERT CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £5,058 40221 HENRY THE FIFTH (12) (D) (A J Richards) C British 9 3 BRIGHSTONE (16) (Michael Poland) H Cecil 9 1... 43 CORPORAL WYM (USA) (180) (BF) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 8 11 .... 2125 KIROV LADY (8) (David Scale) R Hannon 8.6 ....

- 8 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Brightstone, 5-2 Henry The Fifth, 8-1 Isanzista, 7-1 La Volta, 8-1 Corporal Nym 10-1 Kleov Lady 1994: Royal Philosopher 2 8 8 J Tate 14-1 (K McAuliffe) 8 ran

CORPORAL MYM has not run since two outings in May but may still be up to beating Brigh-stone getting 4th. A well-regarded colt, Corporal Nym led for four furlongs in a hot race at York won by Dovebrace on his debut and was then just a shade disappointing at Kempton when beaten by L'Anni Louis and Oberons Boy, a rece Paul Cole won with Sin Perien the preyous year. Sure to be better suited by this extra guarter-mile. Corporal Nym can th us year. Sure to be before susted by this eight quarter-mile, Corporal Nym can triviant glistome, who is saked a stiffer question after his debut, win at Yamouch 1.6 days ego, glistome, who comes from the same family as the stable's May Hall Stakes winner Soler stati, still rates as a big danger and should improve further for his debut run, when he is easy to back. Newbury winner Hamy The Rith has it to prove on this tester gound, t Tammitata cruised home from weaker rivals at Lingdeld 1.1 days ago after a costly

4	.20	POPPY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added Value £5,051	7f Penalty
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3		BOLD AMUSEMENT (51) (C) (Devid Belli W 5 Curringtom 5 9 12	
4		NEVER EXPLAIN (56) (BF) (Sir Andrew Lloyd Weather) J Dunlop 3 9 12	
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15		HALMANERBOR (27) (D) (Mc-Joan Smith (Lincoln)) Mc-J Remoten 5 9 4	
16		GOOMERSHAM PARK (25) (6F) (W H Patterson) M Hoston-Etts 3 9 2	
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22		SUPER ISENZ (10) (D) (Whitestonecide Racing ) F O'Mahony 9 8 8	JF 1900AY (S) 24

him, But STARRY EYED, a winner of a weak race at Ascot (7f) on her debut and only sixth to Can Ben over a mile here next time, could be the solution. This return to seven furious on a faster surface against hendesappers could be just such her. Old Combrides Webtzer has a chance at the weights and this strolight course will suit him better than York's turning seven less time. Eight lengths, and this race less there werening Reycock race, Cumbrian Waltzer is now 10th better off. Justice won this race last year on sor ground, though his wins time term have been on this type of fast surface so his chance intuit be respected. Quilling is in top form and has a rock-solid chance after being headed close home by Mountigate under a big weight at Newmorket lest Seaucity, while this shorter trip right well suit Never-Explain, who was squeezed up on his latest start here. Somewhen Bey is a tough sort who has the the end gound in his facuur, while Sylveaders in her first-time visor and old Segobarush Roller are others with claims.



# Bowe draws his strength from intelligence

mislaid an air ticket, it is unlikely

that they would still be in al-liance. "I was almost out of the

door when Riddick showed up, pleading with me to stay," Futch added. A strong probability is

that without Futch at his side,

Bowe, whose career earnings ex-

ceed \$30m (£19.5m), would have given up boxing. "I don't

think there is any doubt about

it," said Rock Newman, his

voluble manager. "They make a remarkable pair, like father

and son.'

Since intelligence and a strong instinct for self-preservation are qualities usually found in conjunction, smart boxers must accept the probability that they

will be held in deep suspicion. Even today you can come across trainers who think it a problem when a pupil is praised "I hope the kid remembers he's going to fight, not read po-etry," one of them has been etry," one o heard to say.

Nobody has ever said that about Riddick Bowe - his intelligence is sometimes considered a drawback, the reason trouble. why he does not stand supreme in the heavyweight division. "Too bright for his own good,"

some people go around saying.

has frequently been lax when required to regard dict as a fundamental principle of preparation. Often, fat has been the

most obvious description.
On this subject, Bowe's veteran tutor, Eddie Futch – a man much respected throughout "In most things, Riddick has never given me a moment's trouble," Futch said this week, when preparing Bowe for tomorrow's contest against Evander Holyfield at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. None of Futch's many champions has been less

Considering that Bowe took up boxing with the stench of a New York housing project on him, and resisted the tempta-That Bowe is also placed by tions that destroyed some of the nature helps to explain why he children he grew up with.

Ken Jones reports from Las Vegas on a singgish that his next opponent. Jorge Gonzales, was given more than an outside chance

Futch's admiration is under-standable. But it has not always

heen easy going.

Before Holyfield regained the World Boxing Association and Interoational Boxing Federation titles from Bowe in their second contest almost exactly two years ago, Futch almost gave up on him. This was because Bowe could be accused of spending more time in supermarkets than the gymnasium. On the scales, Bowe was a big disappointment to his tutor. matter how much I preached, he went on gorging himself," Futch recalled.

When Bowe stopped Herbie Hide in six rounds last March to gain the World Boxing Or-At one stage, Futch was at the point of departure. Had he not ganisation championship, he was overweight and looked so

of victory.
Instead, Bowe took Gonzales apart. This was much to Futch's satisfaction. "Not per-fect," he said, "but close to the standard I think Riddick can reach. I've always felt that as long as Riddick concentrated fully and watched his weight between fights, he will dominate the heavyweight division and be remembered as one of the alltime great fighters."

Even now, Bowe is not allowed to forget that Lennox Lewis defeated him in the 1988 Olympic boxing finals. The idea of getting them together in the ring again excites Seth Abraham of the cable television network Home Box Office, that puts

more than \$40m annually into boxing. "It would be bigger than anything we've done in the sport - higger than the light between Holyfield and George Foreman, which is our record. Lewis and Holyfield wouldn't be

bad, either.' To foster that possibility, Abraham has persuaded Lewis to work for him tomorrow as a reporter in Bowe's dressingroom, "I think it's the first time they will have spoken since the

Seoul Olympics," he said. Following the dramatic collapse of the contest between Mike Tyson and Buster Mathis Jnr that was also scheduled for tomorrow in Las Vegas, the former undisputed champion is guaranteed to be the centre of attraction. In view of the interest evoked internationally

by Tyson's return to the ring, you may think it interesting that Bowe-Holyfield was doing better husiness. "People under-stood that it was a real fight, not a mismatch." Newman stated. "I had a premonition that the lyson fight would go away, and it did." In celebration of his prescience, Newman wore a soothsayer's turban when attending

a press conference yesterday. Not that Bowe had paid much attention to Tyson's ac-tivities anyway. "Who cared?" he asked, after a light work-out in the sports hall behind Caesars Palace. By the look of him, Futch has no cause for concern. And by the sound of him, if Bowe was running for office, he

would surely be elected.

Lennox Lewis yesterday began his High Court hid to gain



an injunction halting the World Boxing Council from sanction-ing a title bout between Frank Bruno and Mike Tyson. Lewis. who is the mandatory challenger. is protesting against Bruno's plans to defend his heavyweight crown against Tyson on 16 March in Las Vegas. The hearing continues today.

# Sheasby belies Quin stereotype

tessential Harlequin and, as to be so described is not usually a compliment, it has scarcely done him any favours during a rugby lifetime devoted to the multicoloured London club.

But these days Sheasby is pushing ever closer to the England recognition he craves - to the extent that his club's director of rugby, the former England coach Dick Best, has publicly lamhasted Jack Rowell for leaving him out - and so it is time to cast off the image for

For Sheasby tomorrow's visit to The Stoop hy Leicester, second playing third in the First Division, is therefore as timely as could be. He has ground to make up, having missed out on the England squad for this month's South Africa match and then not figuring among those mentioned when it came to

this week's team selection. But if he keeps proving himself as he has been doing this season he believes he has every hope of elevation, into the squad at any rate, for the subsequent game against Western Samoa. If so, it will have been

a while in coming. Sheasby is one of those backrow forwards you cannot help but notice and he has been playing senior rugby for Quins enjoying himself' ever since 1987, yet all his international career amounts to is England A and a notable part moment of the day that I'm not in the England VII who won the World Cup Sevens in 1993.

"He's someone who is living under a past image: of a sevens different cultures and different player, a bit light-hearted about it all," Keith Richardson, the Harlequins coach, said, "But when you get down to it he plays a very hard game. He wins a lot of hall, is tactically very aware to training and playing. and when he puts his mind to it he can be as effective as any-

body in the game." simply in terms of his rughy well-spoken public-school refinement (in his case Radley) which is the stuff of Harlequin caricature though hardly modern reality. Not when Jason Leonard, late of Barking, is

leading the side.

There is a nagging image of Chris Sheasby as the quinplayer in rugby's new professional era

> not really care and, alas for Sheasby, have thought that of him too. Not guilty, he pleads. Anyone who knows me, anyone who has played with me, anyone who has coached me knows I am fully committed, 100 per cent fit and dedicated to whatever cause it is.

I have proved that without a doubt for Harlequins. I've heen with them through the rough and smooth, seen Dick Best come and go and, if any-one really did think that way about me, as soon as I play with them or am coached by them they change their opinion."

This is passionate personal pleading but at the same time the determinedly non-dilettante Sheashy does own up to the sin of enjoying himself - partly because of an overwhelming love of the game and partly because he is a good-time type of guy.

#### 'Determinedly non-dilettante, Sheasby owns up to the sin of

going to enjoy to the full the wonderful situations rugby creates: the different environments, people one meets along the way. Dinners, partying, beautiful women . . . wherever they occur I will maximise them to the full, just as I do when it comes

"Outside rugby my attitude is happy-go-lucky. As soon as one goes on the field it's work but Yet it is as if Sheasby has to after that, if there's a laugh to prove himself twice over, not he had or something to be done to lighten the mood and to capabilities hur because of that bring back a sense of reality, you've got to do it in order to keep your sanity."

It is strange indeed to hear such a high-grade rugby player express such sentiments. In this sense Sheasby is a throwback to a kinder age, and the better for

professional but he has no intention of ceasing to be a maths master at Pangbourne College,

Berkshire. That said, ambition has never hurned more fiercely within him. Sheasby was told he was close to selection for England's 1995 World Cup squad and, having missed out on South Africa, went instead with England A to Australia, where he further enhanced his reputation.

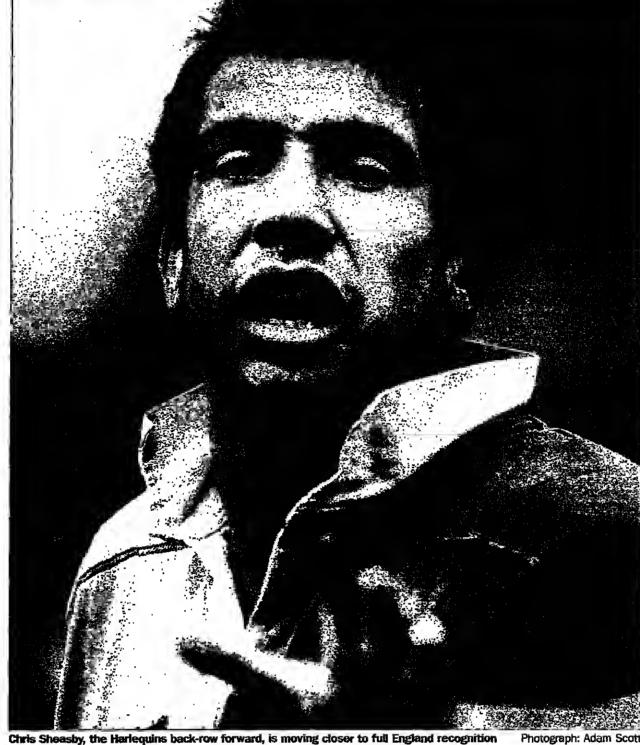
At 28, he is not the youngest contender but he could put forward long experience as an argument in his favour. There have been two University match appearances for Cambridge, the '93 World Sevens and a consistently impressive showing for Harlequins along the way, and, in haranguing Rowell, Best would promote his man as the model of a creative modern loose forward.

Best accused the England selectors of "having a mental block against him" and Richardson, while needing to tread lightly because of his supplementary coaching posi-tion with England A, is willing to forsake strict impartiality by also supporting Sheasby for the earliest advancement.

It leaves Sheasby himself faintly bemused, since he reckons he has been doing what s necessary for years rather than only the past couple of months. He was at the forefront of Quins' desperate struggle against relegation last season and has figured with equal prominence in this season's reversal of fortune.

Indeed you only have to look at Quins' forward travails without him when a gastric upset absented him from the Bath game a fortnight ago, and then note the sharp improvement on his return at Gloucester last Saturday to appreciate his considerable importance.

"Pleased as I may be with my form, I wouldn't say it's any better than it was last season or the season before that," he said. "In fact I would say that last season I had hardly one bad game. The difference is between playing well in a losing side and playing well in a win-The truth is people have it. Rughy union and some ning side. Somehow, that's what sometimes thought Quins did rughy players may be going gets you noticed."



# Bayfield rejects £50,000 transfer bid

Rugby union has taken a step player, said: "I have no desire nearer a true transfer market. to leave. Northampton have against West Hartlepool, hul writes David Liewellyn. Unfortunately for First Division Harlequins their reported £50,000 offer was not enough to tempt the England lock Martin Bayfield to leave Northampton, the Second Division leaders.

Bayfield, 28, who has just begun a five-year sahhatical from Bedfordshire police in order to become a professional rugby November. Wasps have dropped young talented players coming

got their act together, they are have decided to keep his brothpro-active in the switch to pro- er. Damian, in the centre. fessionalism, so there is no need for players to go."

Wasps have ignored a chance to give Damian Hopley some experience of wing play in preparation for his appearance in that position for England against South Africa on 18

Western Samoa, who have been seriously hit by defections to rugby league, arrived yesterday for their 12-match tour of Scotland and England. Their coach, Bryan Williams, the former New Zealand wing. said: "We have a number of

through and I expect some of them to make an impact." The Jed-Forest scrum-half

Gary Armstrong, who has signed registration forms with Newcastle, has been recalled to captain Scotland A against the Samoans at Hawick on 12 November. Alun Pask, a Wales captain in the 1960s who won 26 caps. has died in a fire at his home in

Blackwood, Gwent. He was 58, Obituary, page 22

### **Britain** complete grand slam

Hockey

BILL COLWILL reports from Bisham Abbey Great Britain

Great Britain's women, who depart on Sunday for the Olympic qualifying tournament in Cape Town, ended their preparations in style at Bisham Abbey yesterday, winning the third Test against Russia 4-1 to complete

a 3-0 grand slam. The 19-year-old Anna Benneu scored a goal in each half (her first for Britain), Scotland's Sue MacDonald hit one just before the interval and Jane Sixsmith one just after hut again it was the powerful running of the middle trio, Tammy Miller, Mandy Davies and Pauline Robertson, which

looked so impressive. The hastily arranged Tests against the Russians, who finished fifth in the European Cup in the summer - one place below England - provided useful opposition for Britain. They were able to show off their new aggressive and assertive approach to the game and to show, at last, that they seem capable of breaking down the massed defences they can expect to meet in Cape Town -

and still score plenty of goals.

A satisfied Sue Slocombe, Britain's coach, said last night: "It's a delight to be going to the Olympic qualifiers with 13 goals in three games behind us, and goals coming from open play and at penalty corners.

"In the past I have been worried about our tackling and our ability to make substitutions without weakening the performance," Slocombe added. "We now have an extremely good allround squad and I can afford to roll my substitutes on and off to make the most of all situations."

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#### PICK OF THE DAY

SUNDAY / Cycling International Track Meeting Manchester

The short, sharp format of the British Cycling Federation International track meeting at the Manchester velodrome on Sunday will provide an exciting afthe sarray with provide an excerning and the meeting also features Graeme Obree, Britain's world pursuit cham-pion, who will altempt two British records: the flying start one kilometre

and the 5km. The programme includes a fiving 200 metres time trial, keinn racing in which the motor-paced bunch starts racing when the motorcycle leaves the track, devil take the hind-most eliminations and a 30km Madison. Racing is from 1pm to 5pm.

How to get there: National Cycling Centre, Manchester Velotrome, Stuart Street, is lo-steed off Ashton Old Road, between Man-chester and Ashton-under-Lyne, near Droylesden and reached from A662 via Cor-bet Street. Olympic mark of excellence cer-emony is at 12.45pm. Admessor: £8 adults, £4 under-16s/OAPs., 10161 230 2307/81.



pionship: Leeds v Wigan (7-30).
TEXNIS: Guardian Direct Nationals (Telliord). The most important lourament for Briesh players alone is divided into seven divisions. The senior players' category comprises the First Division, while Divisions have to seven are graded according to Lawn Termits Association national ratings. The seventh Division, for example, is rated at beginner standard. Admission: today £6 adults. children under 16/0APs free; tomorrow £8 adults. £3 children/OAPs; Sunday £9, £4.50, Tellord international Centre, St Queran's Case, Tellord, Stropshire. (Tel: 01952 29:1199).

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ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup Semi-final second leg: Sheffield Steelers v

JUST THE TICKET: a weekly guide to what's on where for the sporting spectator File Flyers. File lead the first leg S-3 after detecting last year's losing finalists. Sheffield Avera, Broughton Lare, is signposted one mile from junction 34 of M1, taking A6172 towards the city centre. The Avera is stuated at the junction of A6172 and Broughton Lare. (Tel: 1114 256 5656).

at the junction of A6178 and Broughton Lane. (Tel: 0114 256 5656).

ROWING: Fuller's Head of the River Fours (River Thames). The Head of the River Fours, over the the 44-mile course from Mortiale to Putney on the River Themes, has again been over-subscribed by more than 100 crews. The first of the permitted 500 entry will starts at 1.15m. Most of Great Britain's team and medalists from the World championships in Finland compete, including in the first crew to set out, Leander L. Steven Redigiture and Matthew Prisers, rowing in a quadruple scuil. Greg Seafle, John Searle, Rupert Obhober and Tim Foster, the crew which won salver in the codess fours in Finland, row in a senior it quad as University of London/Molesly. Their start number is 340. The 155-strong entry of women's crews is a record. The Tideway is easily accessible by public transport. At the start, Chawick Bridge (Waterloo BR to Mortiale, District line to Kew Gardens) offers a varrage point. Barnes railway Bridge, Dukes Measow at Chiswick, Hammersmith Bridge) are other weiving points; Putney Bridge (Waterloo BR to Putney or District Line underground to Putney Bridge) offers the best view at the finish or follow the towpath. SUNDAY FOOTBALL: FA Carling Premiership: Eventon y Blackburn Rowers (4.0). Endsteich Linguis.

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tons expected at the word champtonships, near Paris, in February, Most of the country's leading amateurs will be miting in Great Britain, England or club colours. Spearheading this group are Roiger Hommond, the 1992 jurior world champton, Peter Stevenson and the James Norlos, the national champton. The British professional challengs is led by Bame Clarke, the national champton. The British professional challengs is led by Bame Clarke, the national champton of the Prond, who was thrid last year, and Steve Douce. The first support race starts at 1.1am, with the intermational race at 2cm. Eastway Cycling Country of Tables, and the starts of Temple Mitts Larie, behind the Stratford railway depot. London E15. Other events: Alford Wheelers Cross (Alford). First race 10am, main race 10.45. Clarby Paris, Form, Clauty, is south of Alford, Lincolnshine, off A1023. Middand League (Redditch). 12.A5pm and 2pm. Pitcheroak Woods, is alongside A4438 Bromsgrove, north-west of Redditch, Hereford and Wiorzester. Race headquares are at Redditch Rugby and Hookey Club. North Easter CA Series (Consett). 10am and noon. Consett Steehoorks, Co Durham, is 1½ miles from A86 Rugby and Hookey Club. North Easter CA Series (Consett). 10am and noon. Consett Steehoorks, Co Durham, is 1½ miles from A66 Rugby and Hookey Club. North Easter CA Series (Consett). Wigna Wheeless (Migna). 10.30am, 1.30am, Beacon Courthy Park, Upholead, near Wigna, Larcastina, is one mile off A57.7 from junction 26 of M66, huming right at Victoris bublic house two mites from motones/. Astion Court Soramble (Bristoli, 10.15am, 11am, New Bam Wood, Astino Court Enstein, is reached via the 4mtrance in Longwood Lane, off 83128 Bristol to Cleedon mad. Back Mountain Once (Albergavenny, 10.45am, 11.30om, Crossway, Wellerstone, is signosted off A641 Huddersfleid to Bradford road.

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Plan ahead Stephen Head Stephen Hendry played some of the best snooker of his career when he beat ken Doherty to wirr his third Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship at Presson last year. A favounte among the players, the UK championship is the most prestigious ranking tournament after the World championship. This year's event at the Guild Hall from 17 November to 3 December will be contested by the world's leading 32 players plus 32 Qualifiers.

In the run-up to Christmas, the UK tournaments. The Benson and Hedges Champonship, starting in Edinburgh on Monday, may not count the top 16 in the world rankings among the 192 professorial players competing, but the winner automatically receives a wild-card entry to the important livitation event, the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley in February.

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The European Open has been moved from its December slot to February and the German Open takes its place. Held at the Frankfurt Messe from 4 to 10 December, it is no small event, with £230,000 in proze-money, of which the winner receives £40,000.

Booking forms for the Embassy World Championship, at Sheffield from 20 April to 6 May, will be available in early December and can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Crucible Theatre.

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Berson and Hedges Champlonship. 6-14 November.

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Details of forthcoming events with information on lickets and venues should be sent to: The Sports Desk, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, Fax: 017t 293 2894. Compiled by Paul Maher

answers

Rivalry fuels

McRae in his

title pursuit

Jeremy Hart on the challenge

facing Britain's No 1 rally driver

McRae and Spain's Carlos Sainz in the RAC Rally, the

season's finale in two weeks'

time. A threat that the joint

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# Searching for elusive

miliation for Rangers. Whatever day, you know autumn is here by the now-annual outbreak of set beating about the fate of inish clubs in the Champions

For fate, read failure, Pundits ike Mark Lawrenson and Revor Brooking lined up to deiver damaing verdicts yesterday. They also spoke constructively if the need to foster technical excellence from the age of right, as is the practice on the Continent, and of reducing rowded fixture lists.

. The analysis is as accurate as t is familiar, but in the case of 3lackburn, too convenient a mokescreen to hide behind. For all the mistakes made by Manchester United, Arsenal and Leeds in recent seasons. ione embarked upon the Euopean Cup adventure with pute the same naïvety and wil-ul lack of readiness.

A return of a single point and I solitary goal renders their renaining games, away to Spartak Moscow and home to Rosenorg Troudheim, mere academic xercises. Despite splashing 32m on players in four years, Blackburn will go down in his-ory as one of England's least listinguished ambassadors,

Malcolm Allison may be empted to instigate libel proreedings over the comparison. out it is arguable that only his Manchester City side of 1968 beaten in the first round by Turkish opposition) and the lpswich team of six years carlier (who had the excuse of losing to Milan) made as little impact. Blackburn's campaign has

been marked by poor planning off the pitch and a dearth of imagination on it. It was revealing that, several days after buying Lars Bohinen, Ray Har-ford had to ask reporters whether he would be eligible for the quarter-finals.

Legia Warsaw, whose draw at Ewood Park on Wednesday gave hem four points against Harord's team, had battled through from the preliminary round. Not that the Poles will worry Juennis or Ajax. Nothing has appeared to challenge the mia repression that Group Bwas he weakest section.

Harford, a likeable man whom the players regard as the maching architect of their title ramph, should not shoulder all he blame. More than anyone. tering final with Juventus.

Phil Shaw and Glenn Moore on why British clubs are failing in Europe

Kenny Dalglish ought to have known what lay in store. However, he seemed happy to rest on his laurels during the summer, taking a meaningless title and a hack seat.

That was when the seeds of Blackburn's demise were sown. At a time when Dalglish's reputation and Jack Walker's millions could have been used to take them on to the next phase in their development, they allowed the likes of Arsenal and Newcastle to outflank them in the transfer market.

The error was compounded when, after all the hype about the former Liverpool manager being the ideal person to scout their opponents, Blackhurn's boot room" settled for watching them on video.

Having apparently learned

nothing from United's experiences, or their own trauma against Trelleborgs, they thus went into the Champions' League "blind". The result was emharrassment by average teams from middle-ranking European powers.

In the aftermath of Rangers' second thrashing in a fortnight it was a startling, and somewhat sobering, thought that they are still in the competition.

They would need to defeat Borussia Dortmund in Germany, and Steaua Bucharest at home, while hoping both teams lose to Juventus. The second is the more likely prospect. Walter Smith, the Rangers' manager who awoke to head-

lines like "Tallies...8, Wallies...out", "Nightmare" and "You're pasta joke Gers" would only say "we'll see" when asked about the future. He did say there would be no drastic overhaul, hlaming selection problems rather than

to their Turin line-up. Should Rangers qualify, one shudders to think what could happen in the quarter-finals at present the draw pits them against Ajax. The Dutch were held to a draw by Grasshopper Zurich on Wednesday hut remain on course for a mouth-wa-



#### Wales leave out Hughes

Mark Hughes and Ian Rush have been left out of the Wales team to play Albania in Tirana on 15 November in their final Enropean Championship qualifier.

Bohby Gould, the Wales manager, has decided to start the game with the 11 players who began last month's 2-1 defeat by Germany in Cardiff. "I have explained everything to lack of ability. While he had a Mark and other senior players point, Juventus' own injury such as Ian Rush, and there is problems forced three changes 'no confrontation of any kind whatsoever," Gould said.

WALES (European Champlonship Group Soveri qualifier, Tirana, Albania, 15 November); Southall (Everton), Merking (Sundrand), Symona (Manchester City), Jerdius (Sworsea), Borea (Norsich), Speed (Leeds), Horas (Everton), Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday), Sanders (Galamesray), Giges (Manchester United), Biolic (Sheffield United), Also travelling: Cover. (Carmer), Marriott (Windam). State (Sheffletd Uneed). Also travething: Coyne (Ingumera), Marriota (Wretnam), G Williams (Josech), Hodges (Sheffletd Untsol), A Williams, (Resding), Coleman (Cystal Palace), Marridos (WBA), C Hughes (Luton), Phillips (Nottm Forest), Taylor (Cystal Palace), Hart-son (Arsered), Rash (Liverpool).

# **Macclesfield dreaming of title**

Non-League notebook RUPERT METCALF

Macclesfield Town are back where they finished last season - on top of the GM Vauxhall Conference, Tuesday's 2-1 win at their local rivals, Stalybridge Celtic, look them three points clear of both the pre-season title favourites, Woking, and the 1994 champions, Kidderminster Harriers.

It is a commendable achievement by the Silkmen, who have had to cope with a serious injury crisis this season. Seven first-team players are currently out of action with long-term ailments as Macclesfield's manager, Sammy McIlroy, has needed every one of his 22-man squad to mount another title

"We're not playing the sort of this week on a free transfer from football that we produced last season," Mcllroy said last night, 'hut we're giving 100 per cent

Macclesfield have not yet needed to call on two veterans who have turned out for their reserve side this term: Mcllroy himself, the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland

in every game and getting the

midfielder, and his one-time Old Trafford colleague and England winger, Gordon Hill. cruiting some experienced non-League men, including two England semi-professional internationals: Paul Cavell, the former Redbridge Forest striker who arrived in the summer from Gateshead, and Tony Hemmings, the former North-

Wycombe Wanderers. Macclesfield are also making

rogress off the pitch: they have received a grant of £250,000 from the Sports Grounds Initiative which will enable them to increase the seating capacity at their Moss Rose ground to 2,050. Having been denied promotion to the Football League in the summer because stadium improvements had not been completed in time, the Silkmen are making sure they will not miss out again should they stay on top of

the table and retain their title. The ground won't be a problem but the hardest thing will be winning the league again," McIlroy said. Tomorrow his side will be seeking another away win at the early-season wich Victoria winger signed leaders, Hednesford Town.

back to Toyota.

#### The gloves will be off in a straight fight for the 1995 World Rally Championship between Britain's Colin Carlos was leaving." A key reason for Richards ordering McRae to concede victory was the real danger from the unpredictable Spanish fans, who have been known to throw rocks at rival drivers in an attempt to benefit their

was leaving the team? Last week we all had a good idea

In Spain, when McRac stormed past Sainz (known affectionately as "Et Majador") and was soon leading the rally by nine seconds, the Spanish crowd were fu-rious. Placards beraied the Scot, even though the team had made it clear that Sainz would win. A Suharu team support car even had its tyres

ver skill and mechanical reliability will relief Scotland's Colin McRae rally on and determined become his country's first world champion. The Scot feels that he should have

in Colin McRae: joint leader Catalunya and

level pegging with the twice world champion from Madrid. "[Catalunya] was the best rally of my career, I was beating Carlos fair and square on the last day and it was wrong of DR (David Richards) to impose team orders with the Championship at stake." McRae said. "It is considerably harder starting [the RAC] knowing that you have to

now be 10 points ahead of, not

win." he admitted. The irony of the situation is not lost on McRae. Four days after losing in Spain for fear of retribution from his team, McRae found out for sure that Sainz will leave Subaru, who he won the World Championship with in 1990 and 1992, after the RAC Raily and move

"Now he has signed for Toy-ota, it makes the decision even more ludicrous," protested the 27-year-old from Lanark. "Why would the team director support a driver who

David Richards, who controversially decided the outcome of the Catalunya Rally in Spain 10 days ago by impos-ing a "hold positions" order on Sainz and McRae. Sainz's win the pair equal at the top of the Championship, eight points McRae is now worried that ahead of the four-times cham-

local heroes.

a foolish minority of the two million spectators on the RAC might try and take the Championship into their own hands, as allegedly

> called fans can put logs Carlos's paib, as he claimed last year, then of course I worry that they might try the same again this year, McRac said would urge them

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not to. If

that's the way the Championship will be decided. I don't want to win it." That McRae will arrive in Chester two weeks on Sunday level with Sainz at the top of the Championship leaderboard is a miracle in itself. Half-way through the eight-

round season, the Scot was winless and had virtually given up hope of winning the Championship in 1995. Two wins and two second places in the second half of the year has put him within reach of his childhood dream.

Toyota team Europe, for whom the current world champion Didier Auriol and fourtimes champion Kankkunen drive, could be banned from the RAC Rally and even the world championship for up to a year at a hearing in Paris on Friday if they are found guilty of deliberately hreaking technical rules at the Catalunya Rally in which both drivers were disqualified.

# Smith ready for another examination by Durie

IOHN ROBERTS eports in Telford

Today's women's singles semiinals at the Guardian Direct National Championships proride an interesting mixture. Clare Wood, the No 1, meets Amanda-Janes, a 17-year-old qualifier with a world ranking of No 793, and Jo Durie, the Dame Vera Lyan of the British game, faces play-it-again Sam Smith, a 23-year-old newly restored to the sport from uni-

vear-old who has won the title on seven occasions and is taking a week out of retirement, it would serve the cause best if Smith advances to the final, and everyone who has been charmed by Janes's refreshing style will hope that her serve and volley game tests the too seed.

The daughter of Christine Janes, née Truman, who performed with distinction in an era when Britain produced international champions, capitalised on her victory against the seventh seed. Lucie Ahl, by flummoxing the third seed.

With respect to Durie, a 35- Karen Cross, in the quarter-fi- something different - a sliced ty good tennis when I play well

"I break up their rhythm in certain ways because I'm coming in all the time," young Janes said. I think it must be a shock to them. They don't get a chance to rally, that's the theory."

An excellent notion it is, too, in an age when the majority of players are schooled to launch missiles from the baseline. Perhaps Janes's natural talent should be shielded from the squad training system.

Durie observed that "nowa-

National Boring Federation that Ellis has been stripped for "misconduct before and after" his points win over Eric Alexan-der, of the United States, for the vacant

title at Caloundra, Australia, on 17 July.

Next year England A will face "The Rest" in a four-day Teticy Shield game at Chelmsford, starting on Saturday 20 April, as a Test trial, to give the selectors an early opportunity in the season to start making their assessments of individual players.

Kim Barnett, the 35-year-old former Eng-land batsman, looks set to play out his career with Derbyshire after announc-ing yesterday that he would be staying with the county, despite rumours dur-ing the summer that he would leave

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net - it really helps. I think it's the game of the future."
The former world No 5 added:

"I'm a bit puzzled about the way Amanda forms some of her strokes, but they are effective. She has a lovely sliced backhand and a powerful serve. She comes in on the right balls and just needs to tighten up her volleys."

Durie, the fourth seed, accounted for another British prospect, the 19-year-old Mandy Wainwright, 6-2, 6-3. "I know Mandy wanted to beat me days on the tour if you have badly, but I can still play pret-SPORTING DIGEST

West Ham's chief scout Ronnie Boyce, who scored for the Hammers in the 1965 European Cup-Winners' Cup final against 1860 Munich, has left the chib after 35 years.

DAY'S LATE RESULTS: Eu

backhand, or you come in to the and without pain," Durie said. "I came to Telford to enjoy myself, to play for fun, without nerves. I'm not getting myself mto an absolute knot, as I did when I played."

Wood ended an impressive sequence of results by the 17-year-old Jasmine Choudhury. 6-1, 6-3. The qualifier from Cambridge had a hreak point in the opening game, three more in the second game of the second set, and managed to hreak back to 3-3, helped by Wood's doublefaults, before the Sussex player's experience proved decisive.

feated the No 2, Lizzie Jelfs. who was Britain's highest ranked woman a few weeks ago, 6-2, 7-5. In 1991, the year before Smith opted for a degree course in history, she played Durie in the semi-finals here. Durie won in straight sets after saving a set point in the first set with the aid of a net cord.

Tim Henman, the third seed, advanced to the men's singles quarter-finals with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win against Andrew Richardson and plays the 18year-old Jamie Delgado, who was a semi-finalist last year.

Ross Norman, the English-based New Zealander who ended one of squasn's most famous records, has decided to retire from the professional game. The 36-year-old halted Jahangir Khan's unbeaten five-and-a-half-year run when he defeated the Pakdstan legend to win the World Open In Toulouse in 1986.

Rugby Leage Shaun Edwards has overcome the knee infection that forced him out of the World Cup and will play for Wigan at Leeds tonight, but Andrew Farrell is

doubtful with a groin strain. Biackpool Gladiators have applied to re-join the Rugby League, three years af-ter losing their place. Apollo Perelini, the SI Helens forward,

is likely to be out of action for at least a month due to damaged knee ligaments suffered during Wednesday's 50-34 victory at London Broncos. John Clarke, the Olcham hooker, who broke his arm at Wigan six weeks ago, suffered the same injury in his come-back match against Workington on Wednesday right.

Tim Stimpson, the 22-year-old full-back, has been appointed captain of West Hartlepool, who find themselves at the

bottom of the First Division following eight successive defeats with Phil Lancaster

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7-6. Wonen's singles guarter-finale: J Dure
(Auro) bt A Wairwayff (Essea) 6-2 6-3: A James
(Essea) bt (3) K Cross (Devon) 6-3 7-5; S Smith
(Essea) bt E Jets (Donn) 6-2 7-5; C Wood (Sussea) bt J Choudhury (Camb) 6-1 6-3.

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PARIS OPEN MEM'S INDOOR TOURNAMENT
Third round: J Courror (US) bt M Larisson (Sive)
6-3 6-4; M Chang (US) bt A Mechedory (Lin) 2-6
6-3 7-5; R Krajloek (Notes) bt P Hazarius (Nech)
6-4 6-2; O Vacet (Cr. Rep) bt G Forget (Fr) 5-2
(Forget withdrew due to right): J Hazarius (Swe)
bt M Rosset (Swit) 2-8 7-5 7-6; W Ferreira (SA)
bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-2 3-6 7-6.

BEIL CHALLENGE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Quebac) First round: a Schutz-McDarthy (Next) bt J Negedy (Can) 1-6 6-5 6-1. Second round: A Costaw (SA) is 5 Stafford (US) 6-12-6 6-2; D Moment (Bel) bt is Govorcheagul Avg 6-3 6-2; L Courtois (Bel) bt R Simpson (Can) 6-4 6-3. BANK, OF THE WEST CLASSIC (Outland, Calify Second rotand: M Maleova (Bul) bt C Singler (Ger) 6-0 6-3; V Williams (US) bt A Frazier (US) 4-6 6-3 8-3; H Sufavan (C Rep) bt K Pe (US) 5-7 7-66-2; Z Garnson-Jackson (US) bt K Adams (US) 3-6 6-2 6-2.

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

15

The number of games Ajax have played in creating the longest unbeaten run in the European Cup. By drawing against Grasshopper Zurich on Wednesday, they beat the previous record of 14, held by Liv-

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#### Woosnam sweats out 'punishment'

Ian Woosman sweated his way to a five-under-par 67 in the first round of the Alfred Dunhill Masters in Jakarta, Indonesia,

- The Welshman overcame temperatures of over 100F to fire five burdles and no bogeys on the magnificent Arnold Palmergued course at the Emeralda Golf and Country Club. He s one stroke off the lead, held Jointly by Australians Craig Party and Paul Gow, along with

Sweden's Mathias Gronberg. Woosnam, who only decided to enter the event a few weeks ago, said: "It's my punishment for playing badly all year. I haven't won a tournament for a while and I want desperately to win one before the end of the year, but in these conditions it is very hard to keep your concentration and score together." Mark Montand, who teams

next week's Hemeken World Cup in China, shot a two-under-Britain's Richard Boxall shot a first-round 72 to be six shots off the pace, set by Seiki Okuda of Japan, in the Daiwa International in Sudama, Japan.

ung ith Woosnen for Wales in

Lester Ellis, of Australia, has been Lester Chis, or Australia, has been stripped of the international Boating Organisation junior-middleweight title he won four months ago. Gary Piner, the IBO charman, instructed the Australian

Football 7.30 Unioss stated BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND Premier Division: Bohemisms v Shamrock Rovers (7.45): Drogheds v Sigo Rovers (7.45): St Patrick's Arbenc v Shelbourne (7.45).

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BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Hernal Hempstead Royals v Sheffield Sharks; London Towers v Doncaster Partiners; Newcastle Comets v Birm-Ingham Bullets; Thames Valley Tigers v Wor-Other sports SCORNE: Vacant Commonwealth middleweight title (Dudley Town Hall); Robert McCracken (Eng) v Fitzgerald Bruney (Can).

TENNIS: Guardian Direct National Champion-

Chub effort 35 years.

WEDWESDAY'S LATE RESILE'S: European Champions' Lengue Group A: Parethrosiacs O Porto O. Ashborg O Names 2. Group B: Spettah Moscow A Rosenborg 1: Blackburn O Legat Wessen O. Broup C: Rengers O Juventus 4: St. Burturest O Bouse Dominud O. Group D: Ferencence 1 Real Mantol 1. Usta Cup second round second leg Lers (Fr) A Chemomores Ocease (Bar) O Leas win 4-0 on aggregate). Real Beach 1 Real Real Admit 1. Usta Cup second round second leg Lers (Fr) A Chemomores Ocease (Bar) O Leas win 4-0 on aggregate). Real Beach 1 Real Real Mantol 1. Usta Cup second Deletions (Bar) of Leas win 4-0 on aggregate). Real Beach I Incom 2. Postate Langue Second Deletions (Bar) of Leas Schott 1. Professor Levis 3: Beach 1 Lenguage First Deletions (Lenguage First Deletions 1. Second Deletions (Lenguage Cup Resport AFC 1 Bernargian Clay 3. Lenguage Of Whites Aberyshoph 1 Cembers 1; Berny Iown 6 Aften Luco 0; Caemarfon Town 1 Berger Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 2 Lensuardinal 2; Rhy 1 Prof. 1. Bernargian Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado; 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 2 Lensuardinal 2; Rhy 1 Prof. 1. Bernargian Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado; 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 2 Lensuardinal 2; Rhy 1 Prof. 1. Bernargian Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado; 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 2 Lensuardinal 2; Rhy 1 Prof. 1. Bernargian Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado; 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 2 Lensuardinal 2; Rhy 1 Prof. 1. Bernargian Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado; 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 2 Lensuardinal 2; Rhy 1 Prof. 1. Bernargian Chy 2; Commas Bay 2: Porthanado; 1; Liberé 10 inter Candil 1; Corny 1; Liberé 1; Rhy 1; Libe Altrincham's FA Cup first-round tie at home to Crewe Alexandra has been

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erpool and Ajax themselves.

# Smith's failure worries

**England** 

Cricket

JAMES ALEXANDER reports from East London England 218-4

The cootrasting fortuoes of three of Eogland's hatsmeo were further emphasised here yesterday. Mark Ramprakash and John Crawley made runs and generally looked the part, while Robio Smith was out, third ball, for nought. He has scored just four runs in three first-class innings and Smith knows only too well it can be difficult for batsmeo to emerge from troughs of poor form nn tour. England want Smith in nick and in the side, but the dye is often cast in the opening month. The haison hetween Ram-

prakash and Crawley was seen by some as a head-to-head contest for the No 3 batting position. Io reality, though, Ramprakash is comfortably ahead in that particular duel and Crawley's most realistic target is Smith's place. Ramprakash's innings was the more pleasing of the two. His half-century occupied 63 balls, exactly half that of Crawley, and his driving was elegant and effective. Ramprakash entered this tour on the back of a mighty sequence of scoring and everything points to his being able to maintain that form. After registering a pair in the secood Test at Lord's and being dropped, Ramprakash piled up nine ceoturies including three doubles in 15 first-class innings. His scores have heeo 48, 89 not out and oow 70 be-

fore driving to cover. After heavy overnight rain had wiped out the pre-luoch session and Alec Stewart Ramprakash and Crawley put 00 120 in 33 overs for the secood wicket. However well they played - and they experienced few alarms - this must be put in perspective. The attack was uodemanding and the pitch slow and low, quite a contrast from the expected lively surface for the first Test at Ceoturino Park io a fortnight. Ray Illingworth is unhappy England have played all their games on pitches which provide oo sort of preparation for England with the West Indies.

facing Allan Donald and his

When Crawley was promnted to opeo the innings in Adelaide last winter, he made cought in each innings. His oate all errors, which does not make for exhilarating viewing. Crawley's 85 at Soweto occupied more than six hours, oow he took 69 overs to make 87 not out. It would have been more if was as adept at piercing the offside field as he was the leg side.

Smith's runs, or lack of them, is now England's major concern. He shuffled half-forward and was lbw. Scores of 4, 0 and 0 - plus 12 and 33 in the one-day warm-ups - constitute a mini crisis for the highest-scoring international batsman in the party. Smith can consult televisigo hypootists and convince himself his mind is strong all he likes, but a pragmatist such as Illingworth is concerned only with runs in the book. If we can assume Ramprakash will bat at three, Crawley or Smith will perhaps be the most keenly debated

batting choice. Graeme Hick, after getting off the mark with a couple of resounding pulls, attempted a cut and was caught behind off the bottom edge. Meanwhile, Graham Thorpe, due to play in this match, has returned home to be with his wife, who has had to have an operation because of an ectopic pregnancy. Thorpe is expected to rejoin the squad

(First day of four; England won toss)
ENGLAND - First havings

Boths 9-0-23-0; Emsks 5-0-31-0; Howel 8-0-33-0; Crone 8-1-18-1; Pops 3-0-15-0; Strydom 1-1-0-0. BORDER: P J Boths, F J C Oranje, P N Wasten\*, D J Outlant, P C Strydom, S C Rupe, 15 J Pat-fermen, I L Howell, B C Fourse, P A N Emale, M North.

Curtly Ambrose, the West Indies pace bowler, has agreed a one-year contract to become Northamptonshire's overseas player oext summer. Amhrose returns for a sixth seasoo after being replaced by Anil Kumhle last summer while he toured



### Juninho cleared for his debut

Football

debut fur Middlesbrough against Leeds Hitted at a sold-out Riverside Hittmu tomorrow. Yesterday the Football Association releved international clearance from the Brazikan football confederation. clearing the way for the com-pletion of the 22-year-old's

£4.75m transfer from São Pau "It is great news," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough player-manager, said. "It takes away all the publicity and the type and leaves the lad free to get on with playing foothall." The international midfielder took part in a full-scale practice match yesterday, "He showed up well," Robson added." know it is some time since he played a match but he has a lot

The former Chelsea striker Robert Fleck, has been fined £1,900 and warned about his future conduct after being found guilty of misconduct hy the Football Association.

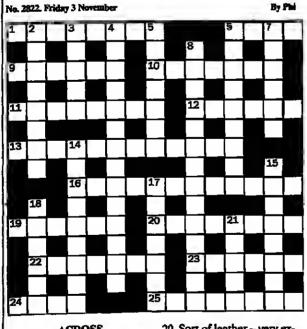
Fleck, 30, was punished following an incident during Nor-wich's First Division game with Sheffield United at Bramall Lane on 9 September, when he abused an official after being

their attempt to have a twomatch ban imposed on their defender, Guy Butters, overturned on appeal. The former Totteoham defender was seot off for two bookable offences at West Bromwich on 21 October. After studying a video of the in-cident which led to the second yellow card - a challenge on Al-bion's Bob Taylor - the FA has upheld the red card decisioo by the referee, Uriah Rennic.

Paul Sturrock, the St Johnstone manager, will watch has side in action at Dumbarton tomorrow - three weeks after collapsing at the ground oi his former club, Dundee United. Starrock, 39, has been given the all-clear by doctors after suffering severe chest pains during a Scottish League match at Tannadice Park on 14 October. 3 However, he will merely be io the stand at Boghead Park, with his assistant, John Blackley, still in temporary charge.
The Dutch Football Associ-

ation has suspended a referee who allegedly bet on matches in the Netherlands at which he officiated. Dick Jol, who took charge of the abandoned friendly between the Republic of Ireland and England in Fehruary. allegedly placed bets at a grocery store in The Hague. Jol, 39, has described the allegations as "ridiculous."

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



Severe bottle's last to contain gold, sweet wine (8) Agile one gets out of

Holy man, individual that's died - being this? (6) 10 Unable to see English 25 Allow embargo? (8)

11 Greek cash laid out to get chair? Mad! (8) 12 Move aimlessly round Chioa, with no end in view (6) 2 13 Sweet-shop owner to discuss taking in inaccurate notice (12)

16 Give game away about clean ship storage - it's for keeping menials (5-7) 19 It's a strike oo island, Pacific island (6)

20 Sort of leather - very expensive, we hear? Not quite unable to pay (8) 22 Greenery provides shelter

one with cigarette is in hidingl (7) 23 Present the standard church line (6) surely taking the Freoch in 24 Nearby residence - part of which is one for cows (4)

> DOWN Foyer? There should be one, not more, after re-

huilding (8) Medicine that's initially in reserve, running short (5) Character from Shakespeare, undeveloped, operating without intellect (4,



Thursday's Solution

Honoured retirees: see them get weary, rising before one (7)

Gnarled trees held to be secluded (9) Nothing missing from chicken roll (6) 4 down wants to edge in,

cothralled by writer's joke Arouse great interest in caftans, i.e. in embroidery

15 Soldier, say - he's in club. withholding name - no role model, hc! (8) What the school-bell may do, though not working on a long-term basis (7)

18 See oarrow passage as

ravine? (6) Walk pompously in street (a well-trodden path) (5)

# Chang manages to subdue Medvedev

Michael Chang kept alive his hopes of becoming the first play-er to win both the French Open and the Paris Open with a hard-fought 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, win over Andrei Medvedev in the third round of the Paris Open yesterday.

needed three sets and 142 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the indoor tournament. The 23-year-old American, who has enjoyed a successful season with wins in Tokyo and Peking, had to draw oo all his recowned fighting qualities to defeat the Ukran-

in the groove: John Crawley hits out charing his undefeated immigs of 87 against Border in East London yesterday ...

but Chang broke him in the second to open up a 4-2 lead and weot on to take the set 6-3. The third set was a tense battle, with Medvedev leading 5-3 and serving for the match.

Medvedev threw his racket in anger when he was broken in that game, and was broken again as

game, Medvedev earned two break points, but wasted both chances before hitting a return into the oet on match point.

Photograph: Clive Mason/Allsport

er, who cruised to a 6-3, 6-4, win over Magnus Larssoo of Swe-

Chang now meets Jim Couniden. Larsson, who has just re-covered from a fractured ankle,

powerful groundstrokes,

Venus Williams beat fifthseeded Amy Frazier in the see " ond round of the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland, California. Williams, 15. who has played just four tournaments as a professional, secured a 4-6,

6-3, 6-3, victory.

# Davies is thrown in as Cardiff try to cash in

Jonathan as Juninho is a pleasing image for Welsh rugby to conjure but whether Jnoathan Davies can do for Cardiff what the Brazilian has done for Middlesbrough without even playing a match will presumably depend on an unlikely surge in sales of Blue-and-Black merchandise.

Or alternatively on ticket sales. Davies was formally reintroduced to the rugby union world at the Arms Park yesterday having been informed that he would have to turn out - probably at full-back - in Cardiff's Welsh League fixture against Aberavon which, to maximise the moment, has been put hack

"I would have liked a bit more time to settle into the game," he said. Too bad. It has cost something in excess of £60,000 to buy Davies out of the remainder of his rughy league contract with eveo prosperity. They can Warringtoo and Cardiff can reasonably hope for a 14,200 full already sense an instant return oo that investment

Not that they had to find all the readies themselves. Chris Evans, an academic and husinessman who happens to hall from Aberavon, contributed substantially to the buy-out as did Jewson, the builders' merchant which will be using the returning Davies, even at 33, look a a messiah in the making.

**Steve Bale** sees a curiously diffident genius return to the rugby union ranks

saviour as part of its marketing

Davies's playing contract, once it is thrashed out, will be no different from that awarded to any other Cardiff player under rugby union's new professional dispensation. But in order for a career with Cardiff to be attractive enough he had to be guaranteed an income more or less equivalent to that which he enjoyed in the north of England.

Cardiff have had their financial travails in recent times, so their own marketing of Davies has the wider function of ensuring the club's foture solvency or house on Sunday, which would compare with a pality atten-dance of 2,800 when Aberavon were last the Arms Park, for the

cup quarter-final last season. An additional 11,400 people could amount to £70,000 or more in gate-takings - and that makes their investment in remarkably shrewd piece of business. Jonathan himself may have preferred to settle in quietly but, as he knows from his illustrious rugby league days, he is a commodity to be exploited no

less now than then. "It's another challenge I don't particularly need," was his curiously reluctant response. The pressure is on, the expectation great, but you're going to have to be patient. It's oot going to happen overnight. I won't be the same player as maybe I was when I left but I've learned a lot of

things along the way." Nearly seven years have assed since Davies exchanged Lianelli for Widnes and as it will be only five days since he exchanged Warrington for Cardiff when he resumes his rugby unioo career he does not yet wish to join the debate about his chance of winning a 30th Welsh rugby union cap. "My first am-hition is to establish myself in the Cardiff team."

On the other hand, if anyone can do it Davies can. John Evans, the Cardiff chairman, greeted him thus: "I would say that, along with Gareth Edwards, he is the best player I've ever seen in my life." Clearly,

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